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**Fine hundreth pointes of  
good Hus bandrie, as well for the  
Champion or Open countrie, as  
also for the Woodland or Senerall,  
mixed in euerie month with Huswiferie,  
ouer and besides the booke  
of Huswiferie.**

**Corrected, better ordered, and newlie aug-  
mented to a fourth part more, with diuers other  
lessons, as a diet for the farmer, of the properties  
of winds, planets, hops, hearbs, bees, and approu-  
ued remedies for sheepe and cattell, with ma-  
nie other matters both profitable and  
not vnpleasant for the  
Reader.**

**Also a Table of Husbandrie at the begin-  
ning of this booke: and another of Huswiferie  
at the end, for the better and easier  
finding of any matter con-  
tained in the same.**

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A lesson how to confer euery abstract  
*with his month, and how to find out*  
Huswiferye verses by the  
*Pilcrow, and Champion*  
from Woodland.

**I**f neuerie month, yer in aught be begun,  
Read ouer that month, what auails to be dun:  
So neither this trauell, shall seeme to be lost,  
Nor thou to repent, of this trifling cost.

The figure of abstract, and month doo agree,  
Which one to another, relations bee:  
These verses so short, without figure that stand,  
Be points of themselves to be taken in hand.

**I**n husbandrie matters, where Pilcrow ye find,  
That verse apperteineth, to huswifery kind:  
So haue ye mo lessons (if there ye looke well)  
Than huswiferye booke, doth vtter or tell.

Of Champion husbandrie, now doo I write,  
Which heretofore neuer, this booke did recite:  
With lessons approued, by practise and skill,  
To profit the ignorant, buy it that will.

The Champion differs, from Seuerall much,  
For want of partition, closer and such:  
One name to them both, doo I giue now and than,  
For Champion countrey, and Champion man.



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*William Paget, wherein he doth discourse*  
of his owne bringing vp, and of the good-  
nes of the said Lord his maister vnto him  
and the occasion of this his booke,  
*thus set forth of his owne*  
long practise.

Chap. I.

THOMAS ARMS  
Time trieth the troth in euerie thing,  
Herewith let men content their mind,  
Of works which best may profit bring,  
Most rash to iudge most often blind.  
As therefore troth in time shall craue,  
So let this booke iust fauor haue.  
Take you my Lord and maister than,  
Vnlesse mischance mischanceth me,  
Such homelie gift of me your man,  
Since more in court I may not be,  
And let your praise woon heretofore,  
Remaine abroad for euermore.  
My seruing you (this vnderstand)  
And God his helpe and yours withall,  
Did cause good lucke to take mine hand  
Erecting one most like to fall.  
My seruing you I know it was,  
Enforced this to come to passe.

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Since



## The Epistle.

*Since being once at Cambridge taught,  
Of court ten yeeres I made assaie,  
No musicke then was left vn taught,  
Such care I had to serue that waie:  
When ioy gan slake then made I change,  
Expelled mirth for musicke strange.  
My musicke since hath bene the plough,  
Intangled with some care among,  
The gaine not great, the paine inough,  
Hath made me sing another song:  
Which song if well I may auow,  
I craue it iudged be by you.*

Your seruant Thomas Tusser.







To the right honorable and my special good Lord and Maister, the Lord Thomas Paget of Beaudesert, sonne and heire to his late father deceased.

Chap. 2.

MY Lord, your father loued me,  
and you my Lord haue prooued me,  
and both your loues haue mooued me,  
to write as I haue donne:

Since God hath hence your father,  
such flowers as I gather,  
I dedicate now rather,  
to you my Lord his sonne.

Your father was my founder,  
till death became his wounder,  
no subiect euer founder,  
whom prince aduancement gaue:

As God did here defend him,  
and honor here did send him,  
so now I will commend him,  
as long as life I haue.

His neighbors then did blisse him,  
his seruants now doo misse him,  
the poore would gladlie kisse him,  
aliue againe to be:

But God hath wrought his pleasure  
and blest him out of measure,  
with heauen and earthly treasure,  
so good a God is he.

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His



*The Epistle.*

His councell had I vsed,  
 and Ceres art refused,  
 I need not thus haue mused,  
 nor droope as now I doo:  
 But I must play the farmer,  
 and yet no whit the warmer,  
 although I had his armor,  
 and other comfort too.

Aesops  
 fable

The Fox dooth make me mind him  
 whose glorie so did blind him,  
 till taylor cut off behind him,  
 no fare could him content:  
 Euen so must I be prouing,  
 such glory I had in loouing,  
 of things to plow behoouing,  
 that makes me now repent.

Salust,

Loiterers I kept so meanie,  
 both Philip, Hob, and Cheanie,  
 that, that way nothing geanie,  
 was thought to make me thriue:  
 Like *Jugurth* Prince of *Numid*,  
 my golde away consumed,  
 with losses so perfumid,  
 was neuer none aliue.

Great fines so neere did pare me,  
 great rent so much did skare me,  
 great charge so long did dare me,  
 that made me at length crie creke:  
 Much more of all such fleeces,  
 as oft I lost by peeces,  
 among such wilie geeces,  
 I list no longer speake.

Though countrey health long staid me,  
 yet lease expiring fraid me,

and



*The Epistle.*

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and (*Ictus sapit*) praid me,  
to seeke more steadie staie:  
New lessons then I noted,  
and some of them I quoted,  
least some should thinke I doted,  
by bringing nought away.

Though *Pallas* hath denide me,  
hir learned pen to guide me,  
for that she dailie spide me,  
with countrey how I stood:  
Yet *Ceres* so did bold me,  
with hir good lessons told me,  
that rudenes cannot hold me,  
from dooing countrey good.

By practise and ill speeding,  
these lessons had their breeding,  
and not by heresay or reeding,  
as some abroad haue blowne:  
Who will not thus beleue me,  
so much the more they greeue me,  
because they grudge to giue me,  
that is of right mine owne.

At first for want of teaching,  
at first for trifles breaching,  
at first for ouer-reaching,  
and lack of taking hid:  
was cause that tosse so tost me,  
that practise so much cost me,  
that rashnesse so much lost me,  
or hindred as it did.

Yet I will not despaier,  
through Gods good gift so faier,  
through friendship, gold, and praier,  
in countrey againe to dwell:

where

*Pallas* god  
des of wise  
dome and  
cunning.



*The Epistle.*

Where rent so shall not paine me,  
but paines shall helpe to gaine me,  
and gaines shall helpe maintaine me  
new lessons mo to tell.

For citie seemes a wringer,  
the penie for to finger,  
from such as there doo linger,  
or for their pleasure lie:

Though countrey be more painefull,  
and not so greedie gainefull,  
yet is it not so vaine full,  
in following fantasies eie.

I haue no labour wanted,  
to prune this tree thus planted,  
whose fruit to none is scantied,  
in house nor yet in field:

Which fruit, the more ye tast of,  
the more to eate ye hast of,  
the lesse this fruit ye wast of,  
such fruit this tree dooth yeeld:

My tree or booke thus framed,  
with title already named:

I trust goes forth vnblamed,  
in your good Lordships name,  
As my good Lord I take you,  
and neuer will forsake you,  
so now I craue to make you,  
defender of the same.

*Your seruant Thomas Tusser.*

# To the Reader.

## Chap. 3.

I Haue beene praid,  
to shew mine aid,  
in taking paine,  
not for the gaine,  
but for good wil,  
to shew such skill,  
as shew I could:

That husbandry,  
with huswifery,  
as cocke and hen,  
to countrey men,  
all strangers gone,  
might ioyne in one,  
as louers should.

I trust both this,  
performed is,  
and how that here,  
it shall appeare,  
with iudgement right,  
to thy delight,  
is brought to passe:

That such as wiue,  
and faine would thriue,  
be plainlie taught,  
how good from naught,  
may trim be tride,  
and liuelie spide,  
as in a glasse.

What should I win,  
by writing in,  
my losses past,  
that ran as fast,

as running streame,  
from reame to reame,  
that flowes so swift?

For that I cold,  
not get for gold,  
to teach me how,  
as this dooth you,  
through dailie gaine,  
the way so plaine,  
to come by thrift.

What is a grote,  
or twaine to note,  
once in the life  
for man and wife,  
to saue a pound,  
in house or ground,  
ech other weeke?

What more for health,  
what more for wealth,  
what needeth lesse,  
run iacke, helpe Bessie,  
to stay amis,  
not hauing this,  
far off to seeke?

I doo not craue,  
mo thanks to haue,  
than giuen to me,  
already be,  
but this is all,  
to such as shall,  
peruse this booke:

That



That for my sake,  
they gentlie take,  
where ere they find,  
against their mind,  
when he or she,  
shall minded be,  
therein to looke.

And grant me now,  
good reader thou,  
such termes to vse,  
such choise to chuse  
as may delight,  
the countrey wight,  
and knowledge bring:  
For such doo praise,  
the countrey phrase,  
the countrey acts,  
the countrey facts,  
the countrey toyes,  
before the ioyes,  
of any thing.

Nor looke thou here,  
that euerie there,  
of euerie verse,

I thus reherse,  
may profit take,  
or vantage make,  
by lessons such:  
For heere we see,  
things seuerall bee,  
and there no dike,  
but champion like,  
and sandie soile,  
and claiey toile,  
doo suffer much.

This being waide,  
be not afraid,  
to buy to prooue,  
to read with loue,  
to follow some,  
and so to come,  
by practise true:  
My paine is past,  
thou warning hast,  
th'experience mine  
the vantage thine,  
may giue thee choise,  
to crie to reioise,  
and thus adue.

*FINIS. T. Tusser.*



# An introduction to the booke of Husbandrie.

## Chap. 4

**G**ood husbandinen must moile & toile,  
to laie to liue, by laboured field:  
Their Wiues at home, must keep such coit  
as their like acts, may profit yeeld.  
For well they know,  
as shaft from bow,  
or chalke from snow,  
A good round rent their lords they giue,  
and must keepe tuch, in all their paie:  
With credit crackt, else for to liue,  
or trust to legs, and run away.  
Though fense wel kept, is one good point:  
and tilth well doone, in season due:  
Yet needing salue, in time to annoint,  
is all in all, and needfull true,  
As for the rest,  
thus thinke I best,  
as friend dooth ghest,  
With hand in hand, to lead thee forth,  
to Ceres campe there to behold  
A thousand things, as richlie woorth,  
as any pearle, is worthe gold.



A preface to the buier of  
*this booke.*

Chap. 5.

**W**Hat lookest thou herein to haue?  
Fine verses thy fansie to please?  
Of many my betters that craue,  
Looke nothing but rudenesse in these.  
What other thing lookest thou then?  
Graue sentences many to find?  
Such Poets haue twentie and ten,  
Yea thousands contenting the mind.  
What looke ye, I pray you shew what?  
Termes painted with Rhetorike fine?  
Good husbandry seeketh not that,  
Nor ist any meaning of mine.  
What lookest thou, speake at the last?  
Good lessons for thee and thy wife?  
Then keepe them in memorie fast,  
To helpe as a comfort to life.  
What looke ye for more in my booke?  
Points needfull and meet to be knowne?  
Then daielic be suer to looke,  
To saue to be suer thine owne.

The

# The commodities of Husbandrie.

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## Chap. 6.

*Let house haue to fill hir,  
Let land haue to till hir.*

**N**O dwellers, what profiteth house for to stand?  
What goodnes, vnoccupied bringeth the land?

*No labour no bread,  
No host we be dead.*

**N**O husbandry vsed how soone shall we serue?  
Housekeeping neglected, what comfort to serue?

*Ill father no gift,  
No knowledge no thrift.*

**T**he father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne?

**T**he ruler vnskillfull, how quicklie vndonne?

## Chap. 7.

*As true as thy faith,  
This riddle thus saith.*

**I** Seeme but a druge, yet I passe anie king,  
To such as can vse me, great welth I doe bring.  
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die,  
When Noe was a shipman, there also was I.

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of husbandrie  
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The earth to sustaine me, the sea for my fish,  
Be readie to pleasure me, as I would wish.  
What hath any life, but I helpe to preserve,  
What might without me, but is ready to serue.  
In woodland, in champion, citty or towne,  
If long I be absent, what falleth not downe?  
If long I be present, what goodnes can want?  
Though things at my coming were neuer so scant.  
So many as loue me, and vse me aright,  
With treasure and pleasure, I richlie acquight.  
Great kings I doe succour, else wrong it would go.  
The king of all kings, hath appointed it so.

*The*



## ¶ The description of husbandry.

Chap. 8.

**O**f husband, doth husbandry challenge that name,  
of husbandry husband doth likewise the same:  
Where huswife and huswiferye, ioyneth with these,  
there wealth in abundance, is gotten with ease.

The name of a husband, what is it to saie?  
of wife and the household, the band and the stay?  
Some husbandlie thristeth, that neuer had wife,  
yet scarce a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is he, that to labour doth fall,  
the labour of him, I doe husbandrye call?  
If thrist by that labour be honestlie caught,  
then is it good husbandry, else is it naught.

So household and householdrye, I doe define,  
for folke and the goods, that in house be of thine:  
Housekeeping to them, as a refuge is set,  
which like as it is, so report it dooth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude,  
of husband and huswife thus I conclude:  
That huswife and huswifery, if it be good,  
must pleasure together, as cosins in blood.

## *The Ladder to thrift.*

Chap. 9.

|                                       |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>T</b> ake thy calling thankfullie, | 5 to get by honest practise,      |
| and shun the path to beggerie         | and keepe thy gettings couertlie, |
| 2 to grudge in youth no drudgerie,    | 6 to lash not out too lashinglie, |
| to come by knowledge perfectlie       | for feare of pinching penurie,    |
| 3 to count no trauell slauerie,       | 7 to get good plot to occupie,    |
| that brings in penie sanerlie,        | and store and vse it hand somlie, |
| 4 to follow profit earnestlie,        | 8 to shew to landlord courtesie,  |
| but meddle not with pilferie,         | and keepe thy couenants orderlie, |

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# *The Ladder to thrift.*

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|--|---|
| 9 To hold that thine is lawfullie,<br>for floutnes or for flatterie.     | 24 to make thy bonds aduisedlie,<br>& come not bound through suertie.     |
| 10 To wed good wife for company<br>and liue in wedlocke honestlie.       | 25 to meddle not with vsurie,<br>nor lend thy monie foolishlie.           |
| 11 to furnish house with householdry<br>and make prouision skilfullie.   | 26 to hate to liue in infamie.<br>through craft and lusting chiftlingly   |
| 12 to ioine to wise good familie,<br>and none to keepe for bzauerie.     | 27 to shun all kind of trecherie,<br>for treason endeth horrible,         |
| 13 to suffer none liue idelie,<br>for feare of idle knauerie.            | 28 to learne to eschew ill companie,<br>and such as liue dishonestlie     |
| 14 to courage wife in huswiferie,<br>and vse well dowers gentlie         | 29 to banish house of blasphemie,<br>least crosses crosse vnluckilie.     |
| 15 to keepe no more but needfullie,<br>and count excesse vsanerie.       | 30 to stop mischance through pollicie,<br>for chancing too unhappilte.    |
| 16 to raise betimes the lubberlie,<br>both snorting Hob and Margery      | 31 to beare thy crosses patientlie,<br>for worlolie thinges are slipperie |
| 17 to walke thy pastures vsuallie,<br>to spie ill neighbors subtiltie.   | 32 to laie to keepe from miserie,<br>age comming on so creepinglie.       |
| 18 to hate reuengement hastilie,<br>for losing loue and amitie.          | 33 to prate to God continuallie,<br>for aide against thine enemie.        |
| 19 to loue thy neighbor neighborly<br>and shew him no discourtesie.      | 34 to spend the sabboth holilie,<br>and helpe the needie pouertie.        |
| 20 to answer strangers ciuillie,<br>but shew him not thy secrecie.       | 35 to liue in conscience quietlie,<br>and keepe thy selfe from maladie.   |
| 21 to vse no friend deceitfullie,<br>to offer no man villanie.           | 36 to ease thy sickness speedilie,<br>per helpe be past recouerie.        |
| 22 to learn how foe to pacifie,<br>but trust him not to trustilie.       | 37 to seeke to God for remedie,<br>for witches proue vnluckilie.          |
| 23 to keepe thy touch subtilti allie,<br>and in thy word vse constancie. |   |

These be the steps vsainedlie:  
to chime to thrift by husbandrie.

These steps both reach, and teach thee shall,  
To come by thrift, to shift withall.

B. r.

Good



¶ Good husbandlie lessons worthie to be  
followed of such as will thrive.

Chap. 10.

**G**od sendeth & giueth both mouth and the meat,  
and blesseth vs all with his benefits great:  
Then serue we the god, that so richly doth giue  
shew loue to our neighbors, & lay for to liue.

2 As bud by appearing, betokeneth the spring,  
and leafe by hir falling, the contrarie thing:  
So youth bids vs labour, to get what we can,  
for age is a burthen to labouring man.

3 A competent liuing, and honestlie had,  
makes such as are godlie, both thankfull and glad:  
Life neuer contented, with honest estate,  
lamented is oft, and repented too late.

4 Count neuer well gotten, that naughtlie is got,  
nor well to account of, which honest is not:  
Looke long not to prosper, that weighest not this,  
least prospering faileth, and all go amis.

Lay wife  
ly to wine

5 True wedlocke is best, for auoiding of sin,  
the bed vndefiled, much honour doth win:  
Though loue be in choosing, farre better than gold,  
let loue come with somewhat, the better to hold.

6 Where couples agree not, is rancoz and strife,  
where such be together, is seldome good life:  
Where couples in wedlocke, do louelie agree,  
there foizon remaineth, if wisdom there be.

wife and  
children  
crave a  
dwelling.

7 Who looketh to marrie, must lay to keepe house,  
for loue may not alway be plaieng with douse:  
If children increase, and no state of thine owne,  
what afterwards followes, is soone to be knowne.

Thee for  
thyne.

8 Once charged with children, or likelie to bee,  
giue ouer to sojourne, that thinkest to thee:  
Least grudging of hostis, and crauing of nurse,  
be costlie and noisome, to thee and thy purse.

9 Good



- 9 Good hus bands that loueth good houses to keepe,  
are oftentimes carefull, when others doo sleepe:  
To spend as they may, or to stop at the furst,  
for running in danger, or feare of the wurst.
- 10 So count with thy cofers, when haruest is in,  
which way for thy profit, to saue or to win:  
Of tone of them both, if a sauer we smell,  
housekeeping is godlie, where euer we dwell.
- 11 Sonne thinke not thy money, purse bottom to burn,  
but keepe it for profit, to serue thine owne turne:  
A foole and his monie, be soone at debate,  
which after with sorrow, repents him to late.
- 12 Good bargaine a dowing, make pꝛiue but few,  
in selling refraine not, abroad it to shew:  
In making make hast, and away to thy pouch,  
in selling no hast, if ye dare it auouch.
- 13 Good landloꝝd who findeth, is blessed of God,  
a cumber some landloꝝd, is hus bandmans rod:  
He noieth, destroiet, and all to this drift,  
to strip his poꝛe tenant, of farme and of thrist.
- 14 Rent coꝛne who so paieth, as worldlings would haue,  
so much for an acre, must liue like a slaue:  
Rent coꝛne to be paid, for reasonable rent,  
at reasonable pꝛices, is not to lament.
- 15 Once placed for profit, looke neuer for ease,  
except ye beware, of such michers as these:  
Unthristines, slothfulnes, carelesse and rash,  
that thrusteth thee headlong, to run in the lash.
- 16 Make money thy drudge, for to follow thy warke,  
make wis dome controller, good order thy clarke:  
Prouision eater, and skill to thy cooke,  
make steward of all, pen, inke, and thy booke.
- 17 Make hunger thy sauce, as a medicine for health,  
make thirst to be butler, as physick for wealth:  
Make eie to be vsher, good vsage to haue,  
make bolt to be poꝛter, to keepe out a knaue.

By har-  
uest is  
meant all  
thy stocke.

Euil land  
loꝝd.

Four  
beggars.

Thrifts  
officers.

Thrifts  
physicke.



## Good husbandly lessons.

Thrifts  
bailie

18 Make husbandry bailie, abroad to prouide,  
make huswiferie daily, at home for to guide:  
Make cofer fast locked, thy treasure to keepe,  
make house to be sure, the safer to sleepe.

Husband-  
ly armoz.

19 Make bandog thy scoutwatch, to barke at a theefe,  
make courage for life, to be capitaine cheefe:  
Make trapdore thy bulworke, make bell to begin,  
make gunstone and arrow, shew who is within.

Théenes  
to thrist

20 The credit of maister, to Brothell his man,  
and also of mistresse, to minikin Pan:  
Be causers of opening, a number of gaps,  
that letteth in mischeefe, and manie mishaps.

Friends  
to thrist

21 Good husband he trudgeth, to bring in the gaires,  
good huswife she drudgeth, refusing no paires:  
Though husband at home, be to count ye wot what,  
yet huswife within, is as needfull as that.

Enimie  
to thrist.

22 What helpeth in store, to haue neuer so much,  
halfe lost by ill vsage, ill huswiues and such?  
So, twentie lode bushes, cut done at a clap,  
such heed may be taken, shall stop but a gap.

Six noi-  
ances to  
thrist

23 A retchlesse seruant, a mistresse that scowles,  
a rauening mastife, and hogs that eat fowles:  
A giddy bzaue maister, and stroiall his knaue,  
byings ruling to ruine, and thrist to hir graue.

enough is  
a praise

24 With some vpon sundaies, their tables doe reeke,  
and halfe the weeke after, their dinners doe seeke:  
Not often exceeding, but alwaie inough,  
is husbandly fare, and the guise of the plough.

Thrifts  
advises

25 Ech day to be feasted, what husbandry worse,  
ech daie for to feast, is as ill for the purse:  
Yet measurelie feasting, with neighbors among,  
shall make thee beloued, and liue the more long.

26 Things husbandlie handsome, let workman contriue  
but build not for glorie, that thinkest to thriue:  
Who fondlie in doing, consumeth his stocke,  
in the end for his follie shall get but a mocke.

27 Spend



Spoilers  
to theft.

27 Spend none but your owne, howsoever ye spend,  
for bytting and shifting, haue seldome good end:

In substance although ye haue neuer so much,  
Delight not in parasites, harlots and such.

28 Be suerty seldome (but neuer for much,  
for feare of purse penniless, hanging by such:

O? Skarborow warning, as ill I beleue,  
when sic (I arrest ye) gets hold of your sleeue.

29 Use (Legem pone) to paie at thy daie,  
but vse not (Oremus) for often delaie:

Pet (Praesta quesumus) out of a grate,  
of all other collects, the lender dooth hate.

30 Be pinched for lending, for kisse nor for kin,  
nor also by spending, by such as come in:

Not put to thy hand, betwixt barke and the tree,  
least through thine owne follie, so pinched thou be.

31 As lending to neighbour, in time of his need,  
wins loue of thy neighbour, and credit dooth breed:

So neuer to craue but to liue of thine owne,  
brings comforts a thousand, to many unknowne.

32 Who liuing but lends? and be lent to they must,  
else buieng and selling, might lie in the dust:

But shamelesse and craftie, that desperate are,  
make many full honest, the worser to fare.

33 At sometime to borrow, account it no shame,  
if iustlie thou keepest, thy touch for the same:

Who quicke be to borrow, and slow be to pay,  
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.

34 By shifting and borrowing, who so as liues,  
not well to be thought on, occasion giues:

Then lay to liue warily, and wiselie to spend  
for prodigal liuers, haue sildome good end.

35 Some spareth too late, and a number with him,  
the foole at the bottome, the wise at the brim:

Who careth nor spareth, till spent he haue all,  
of hobbing, not robbing, be fearefull he shall.



## Good husbandlie lessons.

- 36 Where welthines floweth, no friendship can lacke,  
whom pouertie pincheth, hath friendship as slacke:  
Then happie is he by example that can,  
take heed by the fall of a mischieued man.
- 37 Who breaketh his credit, or cracketh it twise,  
trust such with a suertie, if ye be wise:  
Or if he be angrie, for as king thy due,  
once euen, to him after ward, lend not anew.
- 38 Account it well sold, that is sullie well paid,  
and count it well bought, that is neuer denaid:  
But yet here is tone, here is tother doth best,  
for buier and seller, for quiet and rest.
- 39 Leauē princes affaires, vnder kanted on,  
and tend to such doings, as standes thee vpon:  
Feare God, and offend not the prince and his lawes,  
and keepe thy selfe out, of the magistrates clawes.
- 40 As interest or vsurie, plaie the diuell,  
so hilbacke and filbellie, biteth as euill:  
But dicing among them, and docking the dell,  
and by and by after, of beggerie smell.
- 41 Once wekelie remember thy charges to cast,  
once monthlie see how, thy expenses may last:  
If quarter declareth to much to be spent,  
for feare of ill yeare, take aduise of thy rent.
- 42 Who orderly entereth, his paiment in booke,  
shall orderly find them againe (if ye looke):  
And he that intendeth, but once for to paie,  
shall find this in doing, the quietest waie.
- 43 In dealing vp rightly, this counsell I teach,  
first reckon, then write, yet to pursue ye doe reach:  
Then pay and dispatch him, as soone as ye can,  
for lingring is hindrance to many a man.
- 44 Haue waights I aduise thee for siluer and gold,  
for some be in knauerie, now adaises bold:  
And for to be sure, good money to paie,  
receiue that is currant, as nere as ye may.

Thrifts  
Auditor.



- 45 Delight not for pleasure, two houses to keepe,  
least charge without measure, upon thee doe creepe:  
And Iankin and Jenikin, cōsen thee so,  
to make thee repent it, yer yee are about go.
- 46 The stone that is rolling, can gather no mosse,  
who often remoueth, is sure of a losse:  
The rich it compelleth, to paie for his pride,  
the poore it vndweth on euery side.
- 47 The eie of the maister, enricheth the hutch,  
the eie of the mistresse, auaieth as much:  
Which eie if it gouerne, with reason and skill  
hath seruant and seruice, at pleasure and will.
- 48 Who seeketh reuengement, of euerie wrong,  
in quiet nor safetie, continueth long:  
So he that of wilfulnes, trieth the lawe,  
shall strue for a corcombe, and thriue as a daw.
- 49 To hunters and hawkers, take heed what ye say,  
mild answer with courtesie, driues them away:  
So where a mans better, wil open a gap,  
resist not with rudenes, for feare of mishap.
- 50 A man in this world, for a churle that is knowne,  
shall hardlie in quiet, keepe that is his owne:  
Where lowlie and such, as of curtesie shiel,  
finds fauor and friendship, where euer he diuels.
- 51 Keepe trulie thy Saboth, the better to speed,  
keepe seruant from gadding, but when it is need:  
Keepe fish daie and fasting day, as they doe fall,  
what custome thou keepest, let others keepe all.
- 52 Though some in their tithing, be slacke or too bold,  
be thou vnto Godward, not that waie too cold:  
Euill conscience grudgeth, and yet we doe see,  
ill tithers, ill thriuers, most commonlie be.
- 53 Pay wækelie thy workman, his household to feed,  
pay quarterlie seruants, to buy as they need:  
Giue garment to such, as deserue and no mo,  
least thou and thy wife, without garment doe go.



## Good husbandly lessons.

- 54 Beware raskabillia, slothfull to worke,  
purloiners and filchers, that loueth to lurke:  
Away with such lubbers, so loth to take paine,  
that rowles in expenses, but neuer no gaine.
- 55 Good wife, and good childzen, are worthy to eat,  
good seruant, good labourer, earneth their meat:  
Good friend, and good neighbor, that fellowlie ghest,  
with hartlie welcome, should haue of the best.
- 56 Depart not with all, that thou hast to thy child,  
much lesse vnto other, for being beguild:  
Least if thou wouldst gladlie, possesse it agen,  
looke for to come by it, thou wotest not when.
- 57 The greatest preferment, that child we can giue,  
is learning and nurture, to teach him to liue:  
Which who so it wanteth, though left as a squier,  
consumeth to nothing, as blocke in the fier.
- 58 When God hath so blest thee, as able to liue,  
and thou hast to rest thee, and able to giue:  
Lament thy offenses, serue God for amends,  
make soule to be ready, when God for it sends.
- 59 Send fruits of thy faith, to heauen aforehand,  
for mercy here doing, God bleisseth thy land:  
He maketh thy store, with his blessing to swim,  
and after thy soule, to be blessed with him.
- 60 Some lay to get riches, by sea and by land,  
and ventreth his life, in his enemies hand:  
And setteth his soule, vpon fire or on seauen,  
not fearing nor caring, for hell nor for heauen.
- 61 Some pincheth and spareth, and pineth his life,  
to cofer vp bagges, for to leaue to his wife:  
And the when he dieth, sets open the chest,  
for such as can sooth hir, and all awaie wrest.
- 62 Good husband preventing the frailnes of some,  
takes part of Gods benefits, as they doe come:  
And leaueth to wife, and his childzen the rest,  
each one his owne part, as he thinketh it best.



Good husbandly lessons.

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63 These lessons approued, if wiselie ye note,  
may saue and aduantage you many a groat:

Which if can follow, occasion found,  
then euery lesson may saue ye a pound.

An habitation inforced better late than neuer,

*upon these words, Sit downe Robin and  
rest thee. Chap. 11*

**M**y friend if cause doth wrest thee,  
Myer follie hath much opprest thee:

Farre from acquaintance kest thee,

Where countrey may digest thee,

Let wood and water request thee,

In good corne soile to nest thee,

Where pasture and meade may brest thee,

And helthsome aire inuest thee,

Though enue shall detest thee,

Let that no whit molest thee,

Thanke God that so hath blest thee,

And sit downe Robin and rest thee.

*The farmers daily diet.*

*Chap. 12.*

**A** Plot set downe, for farmers quiet,  
As time requires, to frame his diet:

With sometime fish, and sometime fast,  
that household store may longer last.

Let Lent well kept offend not thee,

for March and Aprill breeders be:

Spend herring first, saue saltfish last,

for saltfish is good, when Lent is past.

When Easter comes, who knowes not than,  
that beale and Bacon is the man:

And Martil mas beefe, doth beare good tache,

when countrey folke, doo dainties lacke.

*Lent.*

*Easter.*

*When*



## The fermers dailie diet.

- Midsummer** When Mackrell ceaseth from the seas,  
John Baptist brings, grasse beefe and pease.
- Michellmas** Fresh herring plentie, Michell brings,  
with fatted crones, and such old things.
- Hallowmas** All Saints doe lay, for porke and sowse,  
for sprats and spurlings, for their house.
- Christmas** At Christmas play, and make good cheere,  
for Christmas comes but once a yeere,  
Though some then doe, as doe they would,  
let thrifty doe, as doe they should.
- A caveat**
- Fasting** For causes good, so many waies,  
keepe Embrings well, and fasting daies.
- Fishdaies** What law commands, we ought to obey,  
for Friday, Saturne and Wednesday.
- A thing needfull.** The land dooth will, the sea dooth wish,  
spare sometime flesh, and feed of fish.  
Where fish is scant and fruit of trees,  
Supplie that want with butter and cheese.  
*quoth Tusser.*

¶ A description of the properties of winds  
*all the times of the yecre. Chap. 13.*

- In winter** North winds send haille, South winds bring raine,  
East winds we bewaile, West winds blow amaine:  
Northeast is too cold, South east not too warme,  
North west is too bold, Southwest doth no harme.
- At y spring** The North is a noier, to grasse of all suites,  
The East a destroyer, to hearbs and all fruits:
- Summer** The South with his shewers, refresheth the corne,  
The West to all flowers, may not be forborde.
- Autumne** The West as a father, all goodnes doth bring,  
The East, a forbearer no maner of thing:  
The South as unkind, draweth sicknesse too nere,  
The North as a friend, maketh all againe cleere.

With



With temperate wind we be blessed of God,  
With tempest we find, we are beat with his rod:  
All power, we know, to remaine in his hand,  
How euer wind blow, by sea or by land.

Though winds doe rage, as winds were wood,  
And cause spring tides, to raise great floud,  
And lofty ships, leaue anker in mud,  
Bereauing many of life and of bloud:  
Yet true it is, as cow chews cud,  
And trees at spring, doe yeeld forth bud,  
Except wind stands, as neuer it stood:  
It is an ill wind turnes none to good.

Of the planets. Chap. 14.

**A** Shuswies are teached, in stead of a clocke,  
how winter night passeth, by crowing of cocke:  
So, here by the planets, as farre as I dare,  
some lessons I leaue, for the husbandmans share.

If day star appeareth, day comfort is nie,  
if sunne be at South, it is noone by and by,  
If sunne be at Westward, it setteth anon,  
if sunne be at setting, the day is sone gon.

Noone changed, keeps closet, three daies like a Queene,  
yet she in hir prime, will of any be seene:  
If great she appeareth, it sheweth out,  
if small she appeareth, it signifieth drouit.

Of the  
moon changing.

At change or at full, come it late or else sone,  
maine sea is at highest, at midnight and noone:  
But yet in the creekes, it is later high flood,  
through farnesse of running, by reason as good.

Tide flowing is feared, for many a thing,  
great danger to such as be sicke, it doth bring:  
Sea eb, by long ebbing, some respite doth giue,  
and sendeth good comfort, to such as shall liue.

Septembers.



## ¶ Septembers Abstract.

Chap. 14.

**N**ow enter John,  
Old farmer is gon.

2 What champion bleth,  
that woodland refuseth.

3 Good farmer now take,  
keepe still oʒ foʒ sake.

4 What helps reutue,  
the thʒiuing to thʒiue.

5 Plough fense and ffoze,  
ought else befoze.

6 By tits and such,  
some getteth much.

7 Hoʒse ftrong and light,  
foone charges quite.  
Light head and purffe,  
what lightnes woʒse.

8 Who goeth a boʒrowing,  
goeth a foʒrowing,  
few lends but foles,  
their woʒking toles.

9 Greene rie haue some,  
yer Michelmas come.

10 Grant soile hir lust,  
so we rie in the dust

11 Cleane Rie that sowes,  
the better crop mowes.

12 Mir rie aright,  
with wheate that is white.

13 See coʒne sowne in,  
to thicke noʒ too thin  
foʒ want of seed,  
land yeeldeth weid.

14 With sling oʒ boʒw,  
keepe coʒne from crow.

15 Trench hedge and sorrowe,  
that water may thoʒow.  
Deepe dike saues much,  
from dʒouers and such

16 Amend marsh wall,  
crap holes and all.

17 Seld buls and rams,  
sew ponds, amend dams.  
Sell webster thy wall,  
fruit gather, grapes pull.  
foʒ feare of dʒabs,  
go gather thy crabs.

18 Pluck fruit to last,  
when Michell is past.

19 Forget it not,  
fruit bʒused will rot.  
Light ladder and long,  
doth tree least wʒong,  
go gather with skill,  
and gather that will.

20 Dʒiue hʒue good conie,  
foʒ war oʒ foʒ honie.  
No dʒiuing of hʒue,  
till yeares past fʒue

21 Good dwelling giue hʒe,  
oʒ hence goes she

22 Put boʒe in fʒie:  
foʒ hallontide nie.

23 With boʒe (good Cisse,  
let naught be amisse.

24 Barle hempe lest greene,  
now plucke vp cleen.

Dʒolone

# Septembers abstract.

29

- Drowne hempe as ye need,  
once had out his seed  
I prae the good hit,  
drowne hempe in pit
- 25 Of all the rest,  
white hempe is best.  
Let skillfull be gotten,  
least hempe proue rotten.
- 26 Set strawberries wise,  
I loue them for life.
- 27 Plant respe and rose  
and such as those.
- 28 Go gather bp mast,  
yer time be past  
mast fats bp swine,  
mast kills bp kine.
- 29 Let hogs be rōng,  
but old and yōng.
- 30 No mast vpon Dke,  
no longer vnyoke.  
If hog dw crie,  
giue eare and eie.
- 31 Hogs haunting corne  
maie not be bozne.
- 32 Good neighboz show,  
good custome allow,  
No scaring with dog,  
whilst mast is for hog
- 33 Get home with the bzake,  
to bzeu with and bake,  
to couer the shed  
dye ouer the hed  
to lie vnder cowe,  
to rot vnder mow.

- to serue to burne,  
for manie a turne.
- 34 to sawpit draw  
bord log to saw,  
let timber be haile,  
least profit doo quaille.  
such bord and pale,  
is readie sale.
- 35 Sawne slab let lie,  
for stable and stie:  
sawdust spred thicke,  
makes allie tricke.
- 36 Keepe safe thy sence,  
scare breakedge thence,  
A dzab and a knaue,  
will prowle to haue.
- 37 Marke wind and mone,  
at midnight and none.  
some rigs thy plow,  
some milks thy cow.
- 38 Red cur or blacke,  
few pzwlers lacke.
- 39 Some steale, some pilch,  
some al atwate filch,  
Marke losses with græse,  
through pzwling theese

Thus endeth Septembers ab-  
stract, agreeing with Septembers  
husbandry.

Other short remem-  
brances.

Now freend as ye with  
go seuer thy fish.  
When friend shall come  
to be sure of some.

Thy



## Septembers husbandry.

Thy ponds renew  
put eeles in skew,  
to liue till Lent,  
and then to be spent.

Set priue or priu,  
set boy like him.

Set gelloflowers all,  
that growes on the wall.

Set herbs some more,  
for winter store.  
sow seedes for pot,  
for flowers sowe not.

Thus ends Septembers short remembrances.

## ¶ Septembers husbandry.

Chap. 17.

September blow soft,  
Till fruit be in loft.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**A** T Michelmas lightlie, new farmer comes in,  
new husbandry forceth, him new to begin:  
Old farmer still taking, the time to him giuen,  
makes August to last, vnto Michelmas euen.

2 New farmer may enter (as champions saie)  
on all that is fallow, at Lent lady day:

In woodland olde farmer, to that will not yeeld,  
for loosing of pasture, and feed of his feeld.

Farmer  
take or  
giue ouer.

3 Prouide against Michelmas, bargaine to make,  
for farme to giue ouer, to keepe or to take:

In dooing of either, let wit beare a stroke,  
for buieng or selling, of a pig in a poke.

Twelve  
good pro-  
perties.

4 Good farme and well stored, good housing and dyke,  
good coyne and good dairie, good market and nie:

Good shepheard, good tilmán, good Iacke, and good Gil,  
makes hus band and huswife, their coffers to fill.

5 Let pasture be stored, and fensed about,  
and tillage set forwar d, as needeth without:

Before ye doo open, your purse to begin,  
with any thing dowing, for fanstie within.



## Husbandly furniture.

31

6 No stozing of pasture, with baggagelie tit,  
with ragged, and aged, and euill at hit:

Let carren and barren, be shifted awaie,  
for best is the best, whatsoeuer ye pay.

7 Horse, oren, plough, tumbrell, cart, waggen & waine,  
the lighter and stronger, the greater thy gaine:

Strong  
and light.

The soile and the seed, with the sheafe and the purse,  
the lighter in substance, for profit the worse.

8 To borrow to daie, and to morrow to mis,  
for lender or borrower, no lence it is:

Then haue of thine owne, without lending vnspilt,  
what followeth needfull, here learne if thou wilt.

## A digression to husbandlie furniture.

1 Barne locked, gose ladder, short pitchfork and long,  
staile, strawfork and rake, with a fan that is strong:

Barne  
furniture.

Wing, carthau and bushell, pecke, strike ready hand,  
get casting shouell bycome, and a sacke with a band.

2 A stable well planked, with key and a locke,  
wals stronglie well lined, to beare off a knock:

Stable  
furniture.

A racke and a manger, good litter and hale,  
sweet chaffe, and some prouender euerie daie.

3 A pitchfork, a dongfork, seue, skep, and a bin,  
a bycome and a paille, to put water therein:

A handbarrow, wheelebarrow, shouell and spade  
a currie combe, maine combe, and whip for a iade.

4 A buttrice and pinfers, a hammer and naile,  
an aperne and sizers, for hed and for taile:

Whole bridle and saddle, with leather and nal,  
with collar and harneis, for thiller and all.

5 A panell and wantie, packsaddle and ped,  
with line to fetch litter, and halters for hed:

With crotches and pins, to hang trinkets thereon,  
and stable fast chained, that nothing be gon.

6 Strong



## Husbandlie furniture.

Cart furniture.

6 Strong exeltreed cart, that is clouted and shod,  
cart ladder and winble, with perser and pod :  
Wheele ladder for haruest, light pitchfork and tough,  
haue, whiplash well knotted, and cartrope inough.

A coone is  
halfe a  
quarter

7 Ten sacks, whereof euery one holdeth a coone,  
a pulling hooke handiome, for bushes and bycome:  
Light tumbrell, and doong crone, for easing sir wag,  
ouell, pickax, and mattocke, with bottle and bagge.

husbandry  
toolcs.

8 A grindstone, a whetstone, a hatchet and bill,  
with hammer and English naile, sorted with skil :  
A frower of iron, for cleausing of lath,  
with rol for a sawpit, good hus bandrie hath.

9 A short saw, and long saw, to cut a two logs,  
an ax and an ads, to make troffe for thy hogs :  
A douercourt beetle, and wedges with steele,  
strong leuer to raise vp, the blocke from the wheele.

Plough  
furniture.

10 Two ploughs & a plough cheine, ii culters, iii shares,  
with ground clouts, & side clouts, for soil that sow tares  
With ox bowes, and ovyokes, and other things mo,  
for ortee me and horseete me, in plough for to go.

11 A plough beetle, plough staffe, to further the plough,  
great clod to asunder, that breaketh so rough :  
A sled for a plough, and another for blocks,  
for chimnie in winter, to burne vp their docks.

12 Sedge collars for ploughhorse, for lightnes of necke  
good seed, and good sower, and also seed pecke :  
Strong oxen and horses, wel shod and wel clad,  
wel meated and bled, for making thee sad.

13 A barlie rake toothed, with iron and steele,  
like paire of harrigwes, and roller dooth weele :  
A sling for a mother, a bowe for a boy,  
a whip for a carter, is hoigh de la roy.

Haruest  
toolcs.

14 A brush syth, and grasse syth, with risle to stand,  
a cradle for barlie, with rubstone and sand :  
Sharpe sickle and wæding hooke, haie forke and rake,  
a mæke for the pease, and to swing vp the brake.

15 Short



- 15 Short rakes for to gather vp, barlie to bind,  
and greater to rake vp, such leauings behind:  
A rake for to rake vp, the fitches that lie,  
a pike for to pike them vp, handsome to dry.
- 16 A skuttle or skreine, to rid soile fro the corne,  
and sharing sheeres ready, for sheepe to be shorne:  
A forke and a hooke, to be tamping in clay,  
a lath hammer, a trowell, a hod or a traie.
- 17 Strong yoke for a hog, with a twicher and rings,  
with tar in a tarpot, for dangerous things:  
A sheepe marke, a tarre kettle, little or nitch,  
two pottles of tarre, to a pottle of pitch.
- 18 Long ladder to hang, all along by the wall,  
to reach for a need, to the top of a hall:  
Beame, scales, with the weights that be sealed and true,  
sharpe moulspate with barbs, that the moults do so rue
- 19 Sharpe cutting spade, for the deuiding of mow,  
with skuppatt and skauell, the marshmen allow:  
A sickle to cut with, a didall and crome,  
for draining of ditches, that noies thee at home.
- 20 A clauestocke, a rabbit stocke, carpenters craue,  
and seasoned timber, for pinewood to haue:  
A Jacke for to sawe vpon, fewell for fire,  
for sparing of firewood, and sticks fro the mire.
- 21 Soles, fetters, and shackles, with horsstocke and pad,  
a cow house for winter, so meet to be had:  
A stie for a boze, and a hogscote for hog,  
a roost for thy hens, and a couch for thy dog.

Here endeth husbandly  
furniture.

9 Thresh seed, and to fanning, September doth crie,  
get plough to the field, and be sowing of rie:  
To harrow the ridges, yer euer ye strike,  
is one peece of husbandry, Suffolke dooth like.

Sowing  
of Rie.

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10 Solwe



- 20 Solve timely thy white wheat, sow rie in the dust,  
 let seed haue hir longing, let soile haue hir lust:  
 Let rie be partaker of Michellmas spring,  
 to reare out the hardnes, that winter doth bring.
- 21 Some mixeth to miller, the rie with the wheat,  
 Tems lose on his table to haue for to eate:  
 But solve it not mixed, to growe so on land,  
 least rie tarry wheat, till it shed as it stand.
- 22 If soile doe desire, to haue rie with the wheat,  
 by growing together, for safetie more great:  
 Let white wheat be tone, be it deere be it cheape,  
 the sooner to ripe, for the sickle to reape.
- 23 Though beans be in sowing, but scattered in,  
 yet wheat, rie, and peason, I loue not too thin:  
 Solve barlie and dredge, with a plentiful hand,  
 least weed stead of seed, ouergroweth thy land.
- 24 No sooner a sowing, but out by and by,  
 with mother or boy, that alarum can cry:  
 And let them be armed, with sling or with bowe,  
 to scare away pigeon, the rooke and the crow.
- 25 Seed sowne, draw a furrowe, the water to draine,  
 and dike vp such ends, as in harmes doe remaine:  
 For druing of cattell, or rousing that way,  
 which being prevented, ye hinder the pay.
- 26 Saint Michell dooth bid thee, amend the marsh wall  
 the brecke and the crabhole, the fogeland and all:  
 One noble in season, bestowed thereon,  
 may saue thee a hundred, yer Winter be gon.
- 27 Now geld with the gelder, the ram and the bull,  
 few ponds, amend dams, and sell webster thy wull:  
 Out fruit go and gather, but not in the deaw,  
 with crab and the walnut, for feare of a flyew.
- 28 The moone in the wane, gather fruit for to last,  
 but winter fruit gather, when Michell is past:  
 Though mischers that loue not, to buy nor to craue,  
 make some gather sooner, else few for to haue.

Amend  
marsh  
walles.

Gelding  
of rams.

Gathering  
of fruit.



19 Fruit gathered too timelie, will tast of the wood,  
will shrinke and be bitter, and sildome proue good :

So fruit that is shaken, or beate of a tree,  
with brusing in falling, scone faultie will bee.

20 Now hurie vp the bees that thou mindest to driue.  
at midsummer driue them, and saue them alieue :

Place hie in good aier, set southlie and warme,  
and take in due season, war, honie, and swarme.

21 Set hie on a plank, (not too low by the ground)  
where herbe with the flower, may compasse it round :  
And boords to defend it, from north and northeast,  
from showers and rubbish, from vermin and beast.

22 At Michelmass safelie, go sit vp thy boze,  
least straining abroad, ye doo see him no more :  
The soner the better, for Hallontide nie,  
and better he brawneeth, if hard he doo lie.

23 Shift boze for ill aie, as best ye doo thinke,  
and twise a day giue him, fresh water and drinke :  
And diligent Cidley, my dairy good wench,  
make clenly his caben, for measling and stench.

24 Now plucke vp thy hempe, and go beat out the seed,  
and afterward water it, as ye haue need :  
But not in the riuer, where cattell should drinke,  
for poisoning of them, and the people with stinke.

25 Hempe huswifelie vled, looks cleerelie and bright,  
and selleth it selfe, by the coulour so white :  
Some vseth to water it, but some doo it not  
be skilfull in doeing, for feare it doo rot.

26 Wile into thy garden, and set me a plot,  
with strawberie roots, of the best to be got :  
Such growing abroad, among thorns in the wood,  
well chosen and picked, proue excellent good.

27 The barberie, respis, and goseberie to,  
looke now to be planted, as other things doo :  
The goseberie, respis, and roses, all thre,  
with strawberies vnder them, trimlie agree.

Driuing  
of bees.

whitest  
hempe best  
soulde.

Gosebe-  
ries, and  
respis.



Gathering  
of mast.

28 To gather some mast, it shall stand thee upon,  
with seruant and children, yer mast be all gone:  
Some left among bushes, shall pleasure thy swine,  
for feare of a mischæfe, keepe acorns fro kine.

29 For rooting of pasture, ring hog ye had need,  
which being well ringled, the better doth feed:  
Though young with their elders, will lightlie keepe best,  
yet spare not to ringle, both great and the rest.

poking of  
hogs

30 Poke seldome thy swine, while shacktime doth last,  
for diuers misfortunes, that happen too fast:  
O if ye doe fanſie, whole eare of the hog,  
giue eare to ill neighbor, and eare to his dog.

Ringling  
of hogs

31 Keepe hog I aduise thee, from medow and corne,  
for out alowd crieng, that ere he was borne:  
Such lawles so haunting, both often and long,  
if dog set him chaunting, he dooth thee no wrong.

32 Where loue among neighbors, doth bear any stroke,  
while shacktime indureth, men vse not to yoke:  
Yet surelie ringling, is needfull and good,  
till frost doe inuite them, to brakes in the wood.

33 Get home with thy brakes, yer summer be gon,  
for teddered cattell, to sit thereupon:  
To couer thy houell, to brew and to bake,  
to lie in the bottome, where houell ye make.

34 Now saw out thy timber, for boord and for pale,  
to haue it vnshaken, and readie to sale:  
Bestowe it and sicke it, and laie it aright,  
to find it in March, to be readie in plight.

35 Saue slab of thy timber, for stable and stie,  
for horse and for hog, the more clenlie to lie:  
Saue sawedust, and brickedust, and ashes so fine,  
for allie to walke in, with neighbor of thine.

Hedge  
breakers.

36 Keepe safely and warely, thine vttermost fense,  
with ope gap and breake hedge, do seldome dispense:  
Such runabout prowlers, by night and by day,  
see punished iustly, for prowling away.



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Learn to  
know how  
proowler

37 At none if it bloweth, at night if it shine,  
out trudgeth Hew make shift, with hook and with line  
Whiles Gillet his blouse, is a milking thy cow,  
for Hew is a rigging, thy gate or thy plow.

38 Such walke with a black, or a red little cur,  
that open will quicklie, if any thing stir:  
Then squatteth the maister, or trudgeth awaie,  
and after dog runneth, as fast as he may.

39 Some proweleth for fewell, and some awaie rig,  
fat goose and the capon, ducke, hen, and the pig:  
Some proweleth for acorns, to fat vp their swine,  
for cozne and for apples, and all that is thine.

Thus ends Septembers hus bandrie.

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Chap. 16.

**L**ay drie vp and round,  
for barlie thy ground

2 Too late doth kill,  
too soone is as ill.

3 Prides little and great,  
picke cleane seed wheat.  
Good ground dooth craue,  
choise seed to haue.  
Flatles lustilie thwack,  
least plough seed lack

4 Seed first go fetch,  
for edish or etch,  
soile perfectlie know  
per edish ye sow.

5 White wheat if ye please,  
sow now vpon pease,  
sow first the best,  
and then the rest.

6 Who soweth in raine,  
hath weed to his paine.  
But worse shall he speede,  
that soweth ill seed.

7 Now better than later,  
draw furrow for water.  
keepe crows good sonne,  
see fencing be donne

8 Each soile no vaine,  
for euerie graine.  
Though soile be but bad,  
some cozne may be had.

9 Naught proue, naught craue  
naught venter, naught haue.

10 One crop, and awaie,  
some countrie may saie.

11 All grauell and sand  
is not the best land.

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A rot.



A rottenlie mould,  
is land woꝛth gold.

12 Why wheat is smitten,  
good lesson is wꝛitten.

13 The iudgement of some,  
how thistles do come.

14 A iudgement right,  
of land in plight.  
land all foꝛ loꝛne  
not good foꝛ coꝛne.

15 Land barren doth beare  
small straw, shoꝛt eare.

16 Here maist thou reed  
foꝛ soile what seed.

17 Tis tride erie howeꝛ,  
best graine most flower

18 Grosse coꝛne much bzau,  
the baker doth bau.

19 What croppers be,  
here learne to see

20 Few after crop much,  
but noddies and such.

21 Some woodland may crake,  
thre crops he may take.

22 First barlie than pease,  
then wheat if ye please.

23 Two crops and alwaie,  
must champion saie.

24 Where barlie did growe,  
laie wheat to soꝛwe.  
yet better I thinke,  
soꝛwe pease, after dzinke.  
And then if ye please  
soꝛwe wheat after pease.

25 What champion knowes,  
that custome sholwes

26 First barlie yer rie,  
then pease by and by,  
Then fallow foꝛ wheat  
is husbandrie great.

27 A remedie sent,  
where pease lacke bent,  
Fat peasefed swine,  
foꝛ dzouer is fine.

28 Ech diuers soile  
hath diuers toile,

29 Some countries vse  
that some refuse.

30 Foꝛ wheat ill land,  
where water doth stande,  
soꝛwe pease oꝛ dzedge,  
belowe in that redge,

31 Soꝛwe acorns to pꝛoue,  
that timber do loue.

32 Soꝛwe haffings now  
if land it allow.

33 Learne soone to get,  
a good quickset.

34 Foꝛ feare of the wurst,  
make fat alwaie furst.

35 Fat that no moꝛe,  
ye keepe foꝛ stoꝛe

36 Hide carrn in graue,  
lesse noiance to haue.

37 Hog meased kill,  
foꝛ Fleming that will

38 With peasebolt and bzake,  
some bzew and bake.

## Octobers husbandry.

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39 Old corne worth gold  
so kept as it should.

40 Much profit is reft,  
by ftoes well kept.

41 Kepe ftoes vpon bow,  
for fir of thy cow.

42 Of verges be fure,  
pooze cattell to cure:

Thus endeth Octobers ab-  
tract, agreeing with Octobers  
husbandry.

Other fhort remem-  
brances.

Cis haue an ete,  
to boze in fte.

By malt ill kept,  
fmall profit is reft.

Friend ringle thy hog,  
for feare of a dog.

Kie ftraw vp facke,  
leaff thacker do lacke.

Wheat ftraw drie faue  
for cattell to haue.

Wheat chaffe late vp drie,  
in fafetie to lie.

Make handsome a bin,  
for chaffe to lie in.

(Seed threfht) thou fhalt,  
threfh barlie to malt.

Cut bufhes to hedge,  
fence medow and redge.

Stampe crabs that mate,  
for rotting awate,

Make vergis and perrie,  
folve kernell and berris.

Now gather vp fruit,  
of euery fuit,  
Marfh wall too flicht,  
ftrength now or good night.

Mend wals of mud,  
for now it is good.

Where foile is of fand,  
quicke fet out of hand.

To plots not full,  
ad bzeuble and hull.

For fet no bar,  
whilft month hath an R.

Like note thou fhalt,  
for making of malt,  
Brew now to laft,  
till winter be paft.

Thus ends Octobers fhort remembrances.

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October good blaft,  
To blow the hog maft.

Forgotten month paft,  
Do now at the laft.

**N**ow lay vp thy barlie land, drie as ye can,  
when euer ye fow it, fo looke for it than:

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## Oftobers husbandry.

Get daillie aforehand, be neuer behind,  
least winter pꝛeuenting, doo alter thy mind.

2 Who laieth vp fallow, too soone or too wet,  
with noiances manie, doth barlie beset:  
For weed and the water, so soketh and sucks  
that goodnes from either, it vtterlie plucks.

wheat  
sowing

3 Greenerie in September, when timely thou hast,  
October for wheat sowing, calleth as fast:  
If weather will suffer, this counsell I giue,  
leane sowing of wheat, befoze Hallowmas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon edish, ye mind to bestowe,  
let that be the first, of the wheat ye doo sowe:  
He seemeth to hart it, and comfort to bring,  
that giueth it comfort of Michelmas spring.

Best  
whete first  
sowne

5 White wheat vpon pease etch, doth grow as he would  
but fallow is best, if we did as we should:  
Yet where, how, and when, ye intend to begin,  
let euer the finest, be first sown in.

6 Who soweth in raine, he shall reape it with teares,  
who soweth in harmes, he is euer in feares,  
Who soweth ill seed, or defraudeth his land,  
hath eie soze abroad, with a corsie at hand.

7 Seed hus bandlie sowne, water furrow thy ground,  
that raine when it cometh, may run alwaie round:  
Then stir about Nicoll, with arrowe and bow,  
take penie for killing, of euerie crowe.

A digression to the vsage of diuers countries  
concerning tillage.

8 Ech soile hath no liking, of euerie graine,  
nor barlie and wheat, is for euerie vaine:  
Yet know I no countrey, so barren of soile,  
but some kind of coꝛne, may be gotten with toile.

9 In Bzantham, where rie, but no barly did grow,  
good barlie I had, as a many did know:  
Foue seame of an aker, I truelle was paid,  
for thirtie lode muck, of each aker so laid.



- 10 In Suffolke againe, where as wheat neuer grew,  
good hus bandry vſed, good wheatland I knew:  
This prouerbe, experience long agoe gaue,  
that nothing who practiſeth, nothing ſhall haue.
- 11 As grauell and ſand, is for rie and not wheat,  
or yeldeth hir burthen, to tone the more great:  
So peason and barlie, delight not in ſand,  
but rather in claie, or in rottener land.
- 12 Wheat ſometime is ſteellie, or burnt as it growes,  
for pride or for pouertie, practiſe ſo knowes:  
Too luſtie of courage, for wheat doth not well,  
nor after ſir peeler, he loueth to dwell.
- 13 Much wetnes, hog rooting, and land out of hart,  
makes thiſtles a number, forthwith to vpſtart:  
If thiſtles ſo growing, proue luſtie and long,  
it ſignifieth land to be luſtie and ſtrong.
- 14 As land full of tilth, and in hartie good plight,  
yeelds blade to a length, and increaſeth in might:  
So crop vpon crop, vpon whose courage we doubt,  
yeelds blade for a brag, but it holdeth not out.
- 15 The ſtraw and the eare, to haue hignes and length,  
betokeneth land, to be good and in ſtrength:  
If eare be but ſhort, and the ſtraw be but ſmal,  
it ſignifieth barenes, and barren withall.
- 16 White wheat, or elſe red, red riuet or white,  
farre paſſeth all other, for land that is light:  
White pollard or red, that ſo richlie is ſet,  
for land that is heaue, is beſt ye can get.
- 17 Main wheat that is mixed, with white and with red,  
is next to the beſt, in the market mans hed:  
So Turkey or Durkey wheat many doo loue,  
becauſe it is flourie, as others aboue.
- 18 Gray wheat is the groſſeſt, yet good for the claie,  
though worſt for the market, as farmer may ſay:  
Much like vnto rie, be his proper ties ſound,  
coarſe flower, much bran, and a peeler of ground.



## O Aobers husbandry.

19 Otes, rie, or else barlie, and wheat that is gray,  
byings land out of comfort, and sone to decay:  
One after another, no comfort betweene,  
is crop vpon crop, as will quicklie be seene.

Crop by=  
on crop.

20 Still crop vpon crop, many farmers doe take,  
and reape little profit, for greedinesse sake:  
Though bredcorn & drinkeorne, such croppers do stand,  
count peason or branke, as a comfort to land.

21 Good land that is seuerall, crops may haue thre,  
in champion countrey it may not so be:

One taketh his season, as commoners may,  
the tother with reason, may otherwise say.

22 Some vseth at first, a good fallow to make,  
to sowe thereon barlie, the better to take:

Next that to sow pease, and of that to sow wheat,  
then fallow againe, or lie laie for thy neat.

23 First rie and then barlie, the champion saies,  
or wheat before barlie, be champion waies:

But drinke before breadorne, with middlesex men,  
then laie on more compas, and fallow agen.

24 Where barlie ye sow, after rie or else wheat,  
if land be vnlustie, the crop is not great:

So lose ye your cost, to your cosse and smart,  
and land ouerburdened is clene out of hart.

25 Exceptions take, of the champion land,  
from lieng along, from that at thy hand:

(Just by) ye may comfort, with compas at will,  
far off ye must comfort, with fauour and skill.

26 Where rie or else wheat, either barlie ye sow,  
let codware be next, therevpon for to grow:

Thus hauing two crops, whereof codware is ton,  
thou hast the lesse need, to lay cost therevpon.

27 Some far fro the market, delight not in pease  
for that erie chapman, they seeme not to please:

If vent of the market place, serue thee not well,  
set hogs vp a fattning, to drouer to sell.



28 Two crops of a fallow, enricheth the plough,  
though tene be of pease, it is land good enough:  
One crop and a fallow, some soile will abide,  
where if ye go further, laie profite aside.

29 Where peason ye had, and a fallow thereon,  
sowe wheat ye may well, without doong thereupon:  
New broken vp land, or with water opprest,  
or ouermuch dunged, for wheat is not best.

30 Where water all winter, annoieth too much,  
bestow not thy wheat, vpon land that is such:  
But rather sow otes, or else bullmoug thare,  
gray peason or runciuals, fitches or tare.

31 Sowe acoorns ye owners, that timber do loue,  
sowe haue and rie with them, the better to proue:  
If cattell or conie, may enter to crop,  
yong Dike is in danger, of losing his top.

Sowing  
of acoorns.

32 Who pelcods delighteth, to haue with the furr,  
if now he do sow them, I thinke it not wurr:  
The greener thy peason, and warmer thy roome,  
more lustie the laier, more plentie they come.

33 Go plow vp or delue vp, aduised with skill,  
the bredth of a ridge, and in length as ye will:  
Where speedie quickset, for a fense ye will draw,  
to sow in the seed, of the bremble and haw.

A disease  
in fat  
hogs

34 Though plentie of acoorns, the porkling to fat,  
not taken in season, may perish by that:  
If ratling or swelling, get once in the throat,  
thou loest thy porkling, a crowne to a goat.

35 What euer thing fat is, againe if it fall,  
thou ventrest the thing, and the fatnes withall:  
The fatter the better, to sell or to kill,  
but not to continue, make proue if ye will.

36 What euer thing dieth, go burie or burne,  
for tainting of ground, or a worse ill turne:  
Such pestilent smell, of a carrenlie thing,  
to cattell and people, great perrill may bring.

Burieng  
of dead  
cattell.



37 Thy measeled bacon, hog, sow, or thy boze,  
 Shut vp for to heale, for infecting thy store:  
 Or kill it for bacon, or soule it to sell,  
 For Flemming that loues it so daintilie well.

38 With strawisp, and pease bolt, with ferne & the brake,  
 For sparing of fewell, some brew and doo bake:  
 And heateth their copper, for seething of graines,  
 Good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

old wheat  
 better than  
 new,

39 Good breadcozne and drinkecozne, full xx. weeks kept,  
 Is better than new, that at haruest is reft:  
 But soistie the breadcozne, and bowdeaten malt,  
 For health or for profit, find noisome thou shalt.

40 By the end of October, go gather vp floes,  
 Hauethou in a readines, plentie of those:  
 And keepe them in bedstraw, or still on the bow,  
 To stay both the flux, of thy selfe and thy cow.

A medi-  
 cine for  
 cow flux.

41 Seeth water, and plumpe therein plentie of floes,  
 Mixe chalke that is dried, in powder with those:  
 Which so if ye giue, with the water and chalke,  
 Thou makest the lax, fro thy cow away walke.

42 Be sure of verges (a gallon at least)  
 So good for the kitchen, so needfull for beast:  
 It helpeth thy cattell, so feeble and faint,  
 If timelie such cattell, with it thou acquaint.

Thus endeth Octobers hus bandry.

## ¶ Nouembers Abstract.

Chap. 18.

Let hog once fat,  
 Loose nothing of that.  
 When mast is gon,  
 Hog falleth anon.  
 Kill fat vp some,  
 Till shroftide come.  
 Now porke and soule,  
 Beares tache in house.

2 Put barlie to malting,  
 late fitches a salting.  
 Through follie too beastle,  
 much bacon is reastle.  
 3 Some winnow some fan,  
 some cast that can.  
 In casting provide,  
 for seed lay aside.

4 Thresh

- 4 Thresh barlie thou shalt,  
for chapman to malt.  
Else thresh no more  
but for thy store.
- 5 Till March thresh wheat  
but as ye doe eat,  
Least baker forsake it,  
if softenes take it.
- 6 No chaffe in bin,  
make horse looke thin.
- 7 Solve haffings now,  
that haffings allow.
- 8 They buie it full deere  
in winter that reare
- 9 Few fowles, lesse swine  
reere now friend mine.
- 10 What losse, what furs,  
through rauening curs.
- 11 Make Martilmas beefe,  
deere meat is a theefe.
- 12 Set garlike and pease  
saint Edmond to please.
- 13 When raine takes place,  
to threshing apace.
- 14 Had braine, to rough  
mars all at plough.  
With flasse and whips,  
fat hen short skips.
- 15 Some threshing by taske,  
will steale and not aske.  
Such threshers at night  
walkes seldome home light.  
Some cozne a wate lag,  
in bottle and bag.  
Some steales for a iest,  
eggs out of the nest
- 16 Late sower by dyle,  
in order to lie.  
Poore bullock doth craue,  
fresh straw to haue.
- 17 Make weekelie by sower,  
though threshers doe lower.  
Late graine in loft,  
and turne it oft.
- 18 For much regard,  
make cleane foule yard.  
Lay straw to rot,  
in waterie plot
- 19 Hedlond by plow,  
for compas inow.
- 20 For hearbs good store,  
trench garden more.
- 21 At midnight trie,  
fowle priues to fie.
- 22 Aid chimnie of soot,  
from top to the foot.
- 23 In stable put now,  
thy horses for plow.
- 24 Good horsekeeper will,  
late mulke vpon hill.
- 25 Cut molehills that stand,  
so thicke vpon land.

Thus endeth Nouembers abstract, agreeing with Nouem. husbandry.

Other short remembrances.

Get pole bote mine,  
beat haues to swine  
Driue hog to the wood,  
brake roots be good.

For



## Nouembers husbandry.

For mischaunce that fals,  
looke well to marsh wals.

Dye later get neat,  
and plentie of meat.

Curst cattell that norteth,  
poore swinnell some hurteth.

Here ends Nouembers short remembrances.

Good neighbor mine  
ring well thy swine.

Such winter may serue  
hog ringled will serue.

In frost keepe dog,  
from hunting of hog.

## ¶ Nouembers husbandry.

Chap. 19.

Nouember take saile,  
Let ship no more saile.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**A** Hallontide, slaughtertime entereth in,  
and then doth the husbandmans feasting begin,  
From thence vnto frosttide, kill now and then some,  
their offfall for household, the better will come.

2 Thy dredge and thy barlie, go thresh out to malt,  
let maltster be cunning, else lose it thou shalt:

The increase of a seame, is a bushell for store,  
bad else is the barlie, or huswife much more.

3 Some vseth to winnow, some vseth to fan,  
some vseth to cast it, as cleane as they can:

For seed go and cast it, for malting not so,  
but get out the cockle, and then let it goe.

4 Thresh barly as yet, but as need shall require,  
fresh threshed for flouer, thy cattell desire:

And therefore that threshing, forbear as ye may,  
till Candlemas comming, for sparing of hay.

5 Such wheat as ye keepe, for the baker to bie,  
vntreshed till march, in the sheafe let it lie:

Least soistnes take it, if sooner ye thresh it,  
although by oft turning, ye seeme to refresh it.

6 Saue chaffe of the barly, of wheat and of rie,  
from fethers and soistnes, where it doth lie:

Chafe off  
soyne, Which mixed with corne, being sifted of dust,  
go giue to thy cattell, when serue them ye must.

Thresh-  
ing of  
barlie.

Thresh-  
ing of  
wheat.



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- 7 Greene peason or hasting, at Hallontide some,  
in harty good soile, he requirerh to growe:  
Gray peason or runciuall, cheerlie to stand,  
at Candlemas sow, with a plentiful hand.
- 8 Leau latewardly rearing, keepe now no more swine,  
but such as thou maist, with the offall of thine,  
Except ye haue wherewith, to fat them awaie,  
the fewer thou kapest, keepe better thou may.
- 9 To reare vp much pultrie, and want the barne doore,  
is naught for the pulter, and worse for the pooze:  
So now to keepe hogs, and to sterue them for meat,  
is as to keepe dogs, for to baule in the street.
- 10 As cat a good mouser, is needfull in house,  
because for hir commons, she killeth the mouse:  
So rauening cures, as a meanie doo keepe,  
makes maister want meat, and his dog to kill sheepe.
- 11 For Easter at Martilmas, hang vp a heefe,  
for stall fed and pease fed, play pickpursle the theefe:  
With that and the like, yer grasse heefe come in,  
thy folk shall looke cheerlie, when others looke thin.
- 12 Set garlike and beanes, at S. Edmund the king,  
the moone in the wane, thereon hangeth a thing:  
The increase of a pottle, (well proued of some)  
shall pleasure thy household, yer pescod time come.
- 13 When raine is a let to thy dooings abroad,  
set thesers a theshing, to lay on good lode:  
Thresh cleane ye must bid them, though lesser they yarne  
and looking to thriue, haue an eie to thy barne.
- 14 Take heed to thy man, in his furie and heat,  
with ploughstafte, & whipstocke, for mainning thy neat,  
To thesher for hurting, of cow with his staile,  
or making thy hen, to play tapple vp taile.
- 15 Some pilfering thesher, will walke with a stufte,  
will carry home corne, as it is in the chaffe:  
And some in his bottle of leather so great,  
will carrie home daily, both barlie and wheat.

Martil-  
mas heefe.

Set gar-  
like and  
beanes.

Corne thes-  
ers.



## Nouembers husbandry.

- 16 If house come will serue thee, lay stouer vp drie,  
and euerie sort, by it selfe for to lie:  
Or stakke it for litter, if room be too poore,  
and thatch out the residue, no leng the doore.
- 17 Cause weekelie thy thresher, to make vp his stower,  
though slothfull and pilferer, thereat doe lower:  
Take tub for a season, take sacke for a shift,  
yet garner for graine, is the better for thy shift.
- 18 All maner of strawe, that is scattered in yard,  
good husbandle husbands, haue daily regard:  
In pit full of water, the same to bestowe,  
where lieng to rot, thereof profit may growe.
- 19 Now plough vp thy headland, or delue it with spade,  
where otherwise profit, but little is made:  
And cast it vp high, vpon hillocks to stand,  
that winter may rot it, to compasse thy land.
- 20 If garden require it, now trench it ye may,  
one trench not a yard, from another go laie:  
Which being wel filled, with mucke by and by,  
go couer with mould for a season to lie.
- 21 Foule priues are now, to be clenfed and hide,  
let night be appointed, such baggage to hide:  
Which buried in garden, in trenches alowe,  
shal make verie many things, better to growe.
- 22 The chimnie all scoty, would now be made cleane,  
for feare of mischances, too oftentimes seene:  
Old chimnie and scotie, if fier once take,  
by burning and breaking, sone mischief may make.
- 23 When ploughing is ended, and pasture not great,  
then stable thy horses, and tend them with meat:  
Let season be drie, when ye take them to house,  
for danger of nits, or for feare of a louse.
- 24 Lay compasse vp handsonlie, round on a hill,  
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleasure and will:  
More compasse it maketh, and handsome the plot,  
if horse keeper daily, forgetteth it not.

Tren-  
ching of  
gardens.

Sauing  
of dung.

## Decembers abstract.

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25 Make hillocks of molhills, in field throughout,  
and so to remaine, till the yeere go about:  
Make also the like, whereas plots be too hie,  
all winter a rotting, for compasse to lie.

Thus endeth Decembers husbandry.

## Decembers Abstract.

Chap. 20.

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| 1 <b>N</b> o season to hedge.<br>Get beetle and wedge.<br>Cleave logs now all,<br>for kitchen and hall.     | 10 At full and at change,<br>spring tides are strange,<br>If doubt ye stray,<br>Dreue cattell away. |
| 2 Dull working tooles,<br>some courage cooles.  | 11 Danke ling forgot,<br>will quicklie rot.   |
| 3 Leave off tittle tattle,<br>go serue your cattle.<br>Serue young pooze elues,<br>alone by themselves.     | 12 Here learne and trie,<br>to turne it drie.   |
| 4 Warne barth for neat,<br>worth halfe their meat.<br>The elder that nurteth,<br>the younger soone hurteth. | 13 Row stocks renoue,<br>that orchards loue.  |
| 5 House cow that is old,<br>while winter dooth hold.  | 14 Set stock to grow,<br>too thick nor too low.<br>Set now as they come,<br>both cherie and plum.   |
| 6 Out once in a date,<br>to drinke and to plate.  | 15 Sheep, hog, and ill beast,<br>bid stock to ill feast.  |
| 7 Get trustie to serue,<br>least cattell doo serue,<br>And such as indeed,<br>may helpe at a need.          | 16 At Christmasse is good,<br>to let thy horse blond.   |
| 8 Obserue this law,<br>in seruing out straw,  | 17 Marke heere what rable,<br>of euils in stable.   |
| 9 In walking about,<br>good forke spe out.  | 18 Mire well (old gaffe)<br>horse coine with chaffe,<br>let Jacke nor Gill,<br>fetch coine at will. |
|   | 19 Some countries gift,<br>to make hard shift.  |

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Some



## Decembers husbandry.

Some cattell well fare,  
with fitches and tare,  
Fitches and tares,  
be Dorsetholke wares.

20 Tares threshed with skill,  
bestowe as ye will.

21 Hide strawberries wise,  
to save their life.

22 Knot border at all,  
now couer ye shall.

23 Helpe bees sweet conie,  
with liquor and honie.

24 Get campers a ball,  
to campe there withall.

Thus endeth Decembers ab-  
stract, agreeing with Decem-  
bers husbandry.

Other short remem-  
brances.

Let Christmas spie,  
yard cleane to lie.  
No labour, no sweat,  
go labour for heat.

Feed doves but kill not,  
if strowe them ye will not.  
Fat hog, yer ye kill it,  
or else ye do spill it.

Put ore in stall,  
yer Dre doo fall.  
Who seeth his graines,  
hath profit for paines.

Kid garden of mallow,  
plant willow and sallow.  
Let boze life render,  
see brawnne sod tender.

For wise fruit buie,  
for Christmasse pie.

All bread and ill drinke,  
makes manie ill thinke.  
Both meat and cost,  
ill dressed halfe lost.

Who hath there withall,  
may chere then he shall.  
But charged man,  
must chere as he can.

Thus endeth Decembers short remembrances.

## Decembers husbandry.

Chap. 21.

O durtie December,  
For Christmas remember.

Forgotten month past,  
Do now at the last.

When frost wil not suffer, to dike and to hedge,  
then get thee a heat, with thy beetle and wedge:  
Once Hallowmas come, and a fire in the hall,  
such slivers doo wel, for to lie by the wall.

Beetle and  
wedges.

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Grinding  
stone and  
whetstone.

2 Get grinstone and whetstone, for toole that is dull,  
or often be letted, and fret belly full:

A wheelebarrow also, be ready to haue,  
at hand of thy seruant, thy compasse to saue.

3 Giue cattell their fodder, in plot dry and warme,  
and count them for miring, or other like harme:

Young colts with thy wennels, together go serue,  
least lurches by others, they happen to sterue.

4 The racke is commended for sauing of doong,  
to set as the old cannot mischiefe the young:

In tempest (the wind being northly or east)  
warne bath vnder hedge, is a succour to beast.

5 The housing of cattell, while winter dooth hold,  
is good for all such, as are feeble and old:

Housing of  
Cattell.

It saueeth much compasse, and many a sleepe,  
and spareth the pasture, for walke of thy sheepe.

6 For charges so little, much quiet is woon,  
if stronglie and handsomely, all things be doon:

But vse to vntackle them once in a day,  
to rub and to licke them, to drink and to play.

7 Get trussie to tend them, not lubberlie squire,  
that all the day long hath his nose at the fire:

Not trust vnto children, poore cattell to feed,  
but such as be able, to helpe at a need.

8 Serue riestraw out first, then wheatstraw and pease,  
then otesstraw and barlie, then haie if ye please:

But serue them with haie, while the straw stouer last,  
then loue they no straw, they had rather to fast.

9 Pokes, forkes, and such other, let badly spie out,  
and gather the same, as he walketh about:

Forks and  
pokes.

And after at leisure, let this be his hier,  
to beath them and trim them, at home by the fier.

10 As well at the full, of the moone as the change,  
sea rages in winter, be suddenly strange:

Then looke to thy marshes, if doubt be to fray,  
for feare of (Ne forte) haue cattell away.



## Decembers husbandry.

How to vse  
ling and  
haberden.

An orchard  
point.

Letting  
horse blood.

Breeding  
of the bots.

11 Both saltfish and lingfish (if any ye haue)  
through shifting, and drying, from rotting go saue:  
Least winter with moistnes, doe make it relent,  
and put it in hazard, before it be spent.

12 Broome fagot is best, to dry haberden on,  
lay boords vpon ladder, if fagots be gone:  
For breaking (in turning) haue very good eie,  
and blame not the wind, so the weather be drie.

13 Good fruit and good plentie, dooth well in the loft,  
then make thee an orchard, and cherish it oft:  
For plant or for stocke, laie aforeshand to cast,  
but set or remoue it, yer Christmasse be past.

14 Set one fro another, full forty foot wide,  
to stand as he stood, is a part of his pride:  
More faire, more worthy, of cost to remoue,  
more stedie ye set it, more likelie to proue.

15 To teach and vnteach, in a schole is vniueert,  
to doe and vndo to the pursse is vnsweet:  
Then orchard or hoppyard, so trimmed with cost,  
should not through folly, be spoiled and lost.

16 Yer Christmas be passed, let horse be let blood,  
for many a purpose, it dooth them much good:  
The day of S. Steuen, old fathers did vse,  
if that doe mislike thee, some other day chuse.

17 Looke well to thy horses, in stable thou must,  
that haie be not foistie, nor chaffe ful of dust:  
Nor stone in their prouender, feather nor clots,  
nor fed with greene peason, for breeding of bots.

18 Some horsekeeper latheth, out prouender so,  
some Gillian spendall, so often dooth go:  
For hogs meat, and hens meat, for that and for this,  
that coyne lost is emptied, yer chapman hath his.

19 Some countries are pinched, of meadowes for hay,  
yet ease it with fitches, as wel as they may:  
Which lined and threshed, and hus bandlie dight,  
keepe labouring cattell, in verie good plight.



Of the time and the yeare.

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- 20 In threshing out fitches, one point I will shew,  
first thresh out for seed, of the fitches a few :  
Thresh few for thy plowhorse, thresh cleane for the cow,  
this order in Norfolke good husbonds allow.
- 21 If frost doe continue, take this for a law,  
the strawberries looke to be couerd with straw :  
Laid ouerlie trim, vpon crotches and bowes,  
and after vncouered as weather allowes.
- 22 The gilliflower also, the skillfull doo know,  
dooth looke to be couered, in frost and in snow :  
The knot and the border, and rosemarie gaie,  
do craue the like succour, for dieng awaie.
- 23 So looke to thy bees, if the hiue be too light,  
set water and honie, with rosemarie right :  
Which set in a dish, full of sticks in the hiue,  
from danger of famine, ye saue them aliue.
- 24 In medow or pasture (to grow the more fine)  
let campers be camping, in any of thine :  
Which if ye do suffer, when lowe is the spring,  
you gaine to your selfe, a commodious thing.
- Thus ends Decembers husbandry.

How to  
preserve  
bees.

A digression to hospitalitie.

Chap. 22.

**L**et euer husbandle sleeping, a while ye must doo,  
to learne of housekeeping a lesson or two :  
What euer is lent thee by labour and paine,  
a time there is lent thee, to rend it againe.  
Although ye defend it, vnspend for to be,  
another shall spend it, no thanke vnto thee.  
How euer we cline, to accomplish the mind,  
we haue but a time, thereof profit to find.

A description of time, and the  
yeere. Chap. 23.

**O**f God to thy doings, a time there is sent,  
which endeth with time, that in doing is spent :

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## Of the time and the yeare.

For time is it selfe, but a time for a time,  
 forgotten full scene, as a tune of a chime.  
 In Spring time we reare, we sowe and we plant,  
 in Summer get vittels, least after we want:  
 In haruest we carrie in corne, and the fruit,  
 in Winter to spend, as we need of ech suit.  
 The yeare I compare, as I find for a truth,  
 the spring vnto childhood, the Summer to youth:  
 The Haruest to manhood, the winter to age,  
 all quicklie forgot, as a play on the stage.  
 Time past is forgotten, yer men be aware,  
 time present is thought on, with wonderfull care:  
 Time coming is feared, and therefore we saue,  
 yet oft yer it come, we be gone to the graue.

A description of life and riches.

Chap. 24.

W<sup>h</sup>o liuing, but dailie discerne it he may,  
 how life as a shadow, dooth vanish away:  
 And nothing to count on, so sure to trust,  
 as sure of death, and to turne to dust.  
 The lands and the ritches that haere we possesse,  
 be none of our owne, if a God we profess:  
 But lent vs of him: as his talent of gold,  
 which being demanded, who can it withhold?  
 God maketh no writing that iustlie dooth say,  
 how long we shall haue it, a yeere or a day:  
 But leaue it we must (howsoeuer we laue,)  
 when Atrop shal pluck vs, from hence by the slaue.  
 To death we must scoope, be we hie be we lowe,  
 but how and how suddenly, few be that know:  
 What carie we then, but a sheet to the graue,  
 to couer this carcase, of all that we haue?

Atrop or  
death.

A description of housekeeping

Chap. 25.

W<sup>h</sup>at then of this talent, while here we remaine;  
 but studie to yeld it, to God with a gaine?

And.

And that shall we doo, if we doo it not hid,  
but vse and bestow it, as Christ dooth vs bid.  
What good to get riches, by breaking of sleepe,  
but hauing the same, a good house for to keepe?  
Not onely to bring a good fame to thy doore,  
but also the prayer to win of the poore.

Of all other doings, housekeeping is cheefe,  
for dailie it helpeth, the poore with reliefe:  
The neighbour the stranger, and al that haue need,  
which causeth thy doings, the better to speed.  
Though harken to this, we should euer among,  
yet cheeflie at Christmas, of al the yeere long:  
Good cause of that vse, may appeere by the name,  
though niggardlie niggards, doo kick at the same.

A description of the feast of the birth of Christ, commonlie  
called *Christmasse*. Cap. 26.

**O**f Christ cometh Christmas, the name with þ feast,  
a time ful of ioy, to the greatest and least:  
At Christmasse was Christ our Sautour bozne,  
the world throug sinne, altogether forlozne.  
At Christmas the daies doo begin to take length,  
of Christ doth religion, chiefie take strength:  
As Christmas is onely, a figure or trope,  
so onely is Christ, the strength of our hope.  
At Christmas we banket, the rich with the poore,  
who then but the miser, but openeth his doore:  
At Christmas of Christ, many carols we sing,  
and giue many gifts, in the ioy of that king.  
At Christmas in Christ, we reioisse and be glad,  
as onlie of whome, our comfort is had:  
At Christmas we ioy, altogether with mirth,  
for his sake that ioyed vs all with his birth.

A description of apt time to spend.

Chap. 27.

**L**et such (so fantassicall) liking not this,  
nor any thing honest, that auncient is:

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## Of Christmas.

Giue place to the time, that so meet we do see,  
appointed of God, as it seemeth to be.

At Christmas good hus bands haue corne on the ground,  
in barne and in sollar, worth many a pound:

With plentie of other things, cattell and sheepe,  
all sent them no doubt, good houses to keepe.

At Christmasse the hardnes, of winter doth rage,  
a griper of all things, and speciallie age:

Then lightlie poore people, the young with the old,  
be sorest oppressed, with hunger and cold.

At Christmas by labour, is little to get,  
that wanting, the poorest in danger are set:

What season then better, of all the whole yeere,  
thy needie poore neighbour to comfort and cheere?

Against fantastical scruplenesse.

Chap. 28.

**A**T this time & that time, some make a great matter,  
some help not but hinder, y poore with their clatter:  
Take custome from feasting, what cometh then last?  
where one hath a dinner, a hundred shall fast.

To dog in the manger, some liken I could,  
that hay will eat none, nor let other that would:

Some scarce in a yeare, giue a dinner or two,  
nor well can abide, any other to do.

Play thou the good fellow, seeke none to misdeeme,  
disdaine not the honest, though merrie they seeme:

For oftentimes seene, no more very a knaue,  
then he that doth counterfet, most to be graue.

Christmas husbandly fare.

Chap. 29.

**G**OOD hus band and hus wife, now chieflie be glad,  
things handsome to haue, as they ought to be had:  
They both do prouide, against Christmas do come,  
to welcome good neighbour, good cheere to haue some.

Good bread and good drinke, a good fire in the hall,  
brawne, pudding and soue, and good mustard withall.

Beefe,

## A Christmas Caroll.

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Beefe, mutton and porke, shread pies of the best,  
pig, veale, geese and capon, and turkey well drest,  
Cheese, apples and nuts, sollie carols to heare,  
as then in the countrey, is counted good cheere.

What cost to good hus band, is any of this?  
good household prouision, onely it is:  
Of other the like, I leaue out a menie,  
that costeth the hus bandman, neuer a penie.

¶ A Christmas Caroll of the birth of Christ,  
*vpou the tune of King Salomon.*

*Chap. 30.*

**W**As not Christ our Saviour,  
sent to vs from God aboue,  
not for our good behauiour:  
but onely of his mercy and loue.  
If this be true as true it is,  
truelie in deed:  
great thanks to God to yeeld for this,  
then had we need.

2 This did our God for verie troth,  
to traine to him the soule of man,  
and iustlie to performe the oth:  
to Sara and to Abram than,  
That through his seed al nations should,  
most blessed bee:  
As in due time performe he would,  
as now we see.

3 Which wonderously is brought to pas,  
and in our sight alreadie done,  
by sending as his promise was,  
to comfort vs his onlie sonne,  
euen Christ (I meane) that virgins child  
in Bethlem bozne:  
that lambe of God, that prophet mild,  
with crowned thorne.

4 Such



## Ianuaries abstract.

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,  
 from dangers of the curſe of God,  
 that we ſtood in by Adams fall,  
 and by our owne deſerued rod,  
 That through his bloud and holy name,  
 who ſo beleeueth:  
 and ſhe from ſinne and abhor the ſame,  
 free mercie he giues.

5 For theſe glad newes this feaſt doth bring,  
 to God the Sonne and holy ghoſt,  
 let man giue thanks reioiſe and ſing:  
 from world to world, from coaſt to coaſt,  
 For all good gifts ſo manie waies,  
 that God dooth ſend:  
 let vs in Chriſt giue God the praife,  
 till life ſhall end.

T. Tuffer.

At Chriſtmas be merrie, and thankfull withall,  
 And feaſt thy poore neighbors, the great with the ſmall:  
 Pea al the yeere long, to the poore let vs giue,  
 Gods bleſſing to follow vs, whiles we do liue.

## ¶ Ianuaries Abstract.

Chap. 31.

1 Bid Chriſtmas adew,  
 thy ſtocke now renew.

2 Who killeth a neat,  
 hath cheaper his meat,  
 ſat home fed ſouſe,  
 is good in a houſe.

3 Who dainties lone,  
 a beggar ſhall proue,  
 Who alwaie ſels,  
 in hunger dwels.

4 Who nothing ſaue,  
 ſhall nothing haue.

5 Lay durt vpon heaps,  
 ſome profit it reaps,  
 when weather is hard,  
 get muck out of yard.  
 A fallowe beſtowe,  
 where peafe ſhall grow.  
 Good peafon and white,  
 a fallow will quite.

6 Go gather quickſet,  
 the pongeſt go get.  
 dig garden ſtroy malloes,  
 ſet willow and fallow.

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Greene willow for stake,  
in banke will take.

- 7 Let dow go to bucke,  
with conie good lucke.  
Spare labour for monie  
stoe borough with conie.  
Get warrener bound,  
to vermine thy ground.  
Feed doves but kill not,  
if lose them ye will not.  
Dove house repaire,  
make dove hole faire.  
For hop ground cold,  
dove doing worth gold.
- 8 Good gardiner mine,  
make garden fine.  
Set garden pease,  
and beans if ye please,  
Set respis and rose,  
young roots of those.
- 9 The timelie buier,  
hath cheaper his fier.
- 10 Some burns without wit,  
some fier lesse sit :
- 11 Now season is good,  
To lop or fell wood.  
Prune trees some allowes,  
for cattell to brows.
- 12 Give sheepe to their fees,  
the mistle of trees.
- 13 Let lop be thorne,  
that hindzeth corne.  
Save edder and stake,  
strong hedge to make.
- 14 For sap as ye know,  
let one bough grow.

Pert yeare ye may,  
that bough cut away.

- 15 A lesson good,  
to increase more wood.
- 16 Save crotches of wood,  
save spars and stud.  
Save hop for his dole,  
the strong long pole.
- 17 How ever ye scotch,  
save pole and crotch.
- 18 From Christmas to Maye,  
weake cattell decate.
- 19 With bergis acquaint,  
paye bullock so faint :  
This medicine approued  
is for to be loned.
- 20 Let plaister lie,  
three daies to trie.  
As long if ye stae,  
taile rots awaie.
- 21 Ewes readie to yeane,  
craues ground rid cleane.  
keepe sheepe out of byers,  
keepe beast out of miers.
- 22 Keepe bushes from bill,  
till hedge ye will.  
Best had for thy turne,  
their roots goe and burne.
- 23 No bushes of mine,  
if sense be thine.
- 24 In stubbed plot,  
fill hole with clot :
- 25 Rid grasse of bones,  
of sticks and stokes.
- 26 Warming



- 26 Warne barth glue lams,  
god food to their dams.  
Looke daily well to them,  
least dogs vndoo them,
- 27 Woong lambe well sold,  
fat lam worth gold.
- 28 Keep twins for breed,  
as ewes haue need.
- 29 One calfe if it please ye,  
now reared shall ease ye,  
Calues likely reare,  
at rising of yeare,  
Calfe large and leane,  
is best to weane.
- 30 Calfe lick take a waie,  
and house it ye may,  
this point I allow,  
for seruant and cow,
- 31 calues yoonger than other,  
learnes one of another.
- 32 No danger at all,  
to geld as they fall,  
yet Mitchell cries,  
please butchers eyes,
- 33 Sow ready to fare,  
craues huswines care,
- 34 Leauw sow but fwe,  
the better to thzue,
- 35 Weane such for ffoze,  
as sucks before,  
Weane onelie but thre,  
large breeders to be.
- 36 Lam, bulchin and pig,  
geld vnder the big.
- 37 Learne wit fir dolt,  
in gelding of colt,
- 38 Geld young thy fillie,  
else perish will ginnie,  
Let gelding alone,  
so large of bone,  
By breathe lie tits,  
few profit hits.
- 39 Breed euer the best,  
and do off the rest,  
Of long and large,  
take huswife a charge.
- 40 Good cow and good ground  
yeelds yeerlie a pound,  
Good faring sow,  
holds profit with cow.
- 41 Who keepes but twaine;  
the more may gaine.
- 42 Lieth instlie good garson,  
else dzue will the parson.
- 43 Thy garden twifallow,  
strote hemlocke and mallozw,
- 44 Like practise they proue,  
that hops do loue,
- 45 Now make and wand in,  
trim boww to stand in,  
leauw wadling about,  
till arboz be out.
- 46 Who now solves ofes,  
gets gold and grotes,  
Who solves in May,  
gets little that wate.
- 47 Go breake vp land,  
get mattock in hand.

- Stub root so tough,  
for breaking of plough.
- 48 What greater crime,  
than losse of time.
- 49 Lay land for lease,  
breake vp if ye please.  
But fallow not yet,  
that hath any wit.
- 50 Where drinke ye sowe,  
good tilth bestowe.
- 51 Small profit is found,  
by peeling of ground.
- 52 Land past the best,  
cast vp the rest.

Thus endeth Ianuaries abstract,  
agreeing with Ianuaries husbandry.

Other short remembrances.

Get pulling hooke sirs,  
for brome and sirs.  
Blucke brome, brome kill,  
cut brome, brome kill.  
Brome pluckt by and by,  
breake vp for rie.  
Friend ringle thy hog,  
or lake for a dog.  
In casting prouide,  
for seed late aside.  
Get dounge friend mine,  
for stock and vine.  
If earth be not soft,  
go digge it aloft.  
For quamter get boots,  
Stub alders and roots.

Hop poles war scant,  
for poles mo plant.  
Set chestnut and walnut,  
set filberd and smalnut.  
Peach pluntree and cherie,  
young baie and his berrie.  
Or set their stone,  
vnset leaue out none.  
Sowe kirkels to beare,  
of apple and peare.  
All trees that beare gum,  
set now as they cum.  
Now set or remoue,  
such stocks as ye loue.  
Here ends Ianuaries short  
remembrances.

Of trees or roots to be set  
or remoued.

- 1 Apple trees of all sorts.
- 2 Apricocks.
- 3 Barbertes.
- 4 Ballest black and white.
- 5 Cherries red and blacke.
- 6 Chestnuts.
- 7 Cornet plums.
- 8 Damsons white and blacke.
- 9 Filberds red and white.
- 10 Goseberies.
- 11 Grapes white and red.
- 12 Greene or grasse plums.
- 13 Hurtleberies.
- 14 Medlers or marles.
- 15 Mulberies.
- 16 Peaches white and red.
- 17 Peares of all sorts.
- 18 Perarplums blacke and  
yellow.

19 Quinces



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19 Quince trees.

20 Kespis,

21 Kelsons.

22 Small nuts.

23 Strawberies red and white

24 Service trees.

25 Walnuts.

26 Wardens white and red.

27 Wheat plums.

Now let ye may,

the boy and bate,

Hathorne and prim,

for clothes trim.

## ¶ Ianuarie husbandry.

Chap. 32.

A kindly good Ianuere,  
Freseth pot by the feere.Forgotten month past,  
Do now at the last.Husbandry  
lessons.1 **W**hen Christmas is ended bid feasting adue,  
go play the good husband, thy stocke to renewe:Be mindful of rearing, in hope of a gaine,  
dame profit shall giue thee, reward for thy paine.2 **W**ho both by his calfe, and his lambe wil be known,  
may wel kill a neat, and a sheepe of his owne:And he that can reape vp, a pig in his house,  
hath cheaper his bacon, and sweeter his soule.3 **W**ho eateth his beale, pig and lambe being froth,  
shal twise in a weeke, go to bed without broth:Unskilfull that passe not, but sell awaie sell,  
shall neuer haue pientie, where euer they dwell.4 **B**e greedie in spending, and carelesse to saue,  
and shortly be needie, and readie to eraue:Be wilfull to kill, and unskilfull to store,  
and looke for no forzon, I tell thee before.5 **L**aie dirt vpon heaps, faire yard to be seene,  
if frost will abide it, to felds with it cleene:In winter a fallow, some loue to bestow,  
where pease for the pot, they intend for to sowe.6 **I**n making or mending, as needeth thy ditch,  
get set to quicke set it, learne cunningly which:In hedging, where clay is, get stake as ye know,  
of popler and willow, for fewel to growe.

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- 7 Leave killing of conise, let doo go to buck,  
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill lucke :  
Feed doue (no more killing) old doue-house repaire,  
saue dou-doung for hopyard, when house ye make faire.
- 8 Dig garden stroy mallow, now may ye at ease,  
and let (as a daintie) thy runciuall pease :  
Cut and set roses, choose aptly the plot,  
the rootes of the yongest, are best to be got.
- 9 In time go and bargaine, least worse ye fall,  
for fewell for making, for carriage and all :  
To buie at the stub, is the best for the buier,  
more timely prouision, the cheaper is fire.
- 10 Some burneth a load, at a time in his hall,  
some neuer leaue burning, til burnt they haue all :  
Some making of hauocke, without any wit,  
make many poore soules, without fire to sit.
- 11 If frost doe continue, this lesson doth well,  
for comfort of cattel, the fewell to sell :  
From euerie tree the superfluous bowes,  
now prune for thy neat, thereupon to go browes.
- 12 In pruning or trimming, all manner of trees,  
refer heto each cattell, their proper lie fees :  
If snow doe continue, sheepe hardly that fare,  
craue mistle and Iuic, for them for to spare.
- 13 Now lop for thy fewell, old pollenger growne,  
that hinder the corne, or the grasse to be mowne :  
In lopping and felling, saue edder and flake,  
thine hedges as needeth, to mend or to make.
- 14 In lopping old Iocham, for feare of mishap,  
one bough state vnlopped, to cherish the sap :  
The second yeare after, then boldly ye may,  
for dipping his fellowes, that bough cut away.
- 15 Lop popler and fallow, elme maple and pye,  
well saued from cattell, til Summer to lie :  
So far as in lopping, their tops ye doe fling,  
so far without planting, yong copie will spring.

¶  
Runciuall  
peason.

The pro-  
perty of soft  
wood.

16 Such



## Ianuaries husbandrie.

16 Such felwell as standing, a late ye haue bought,  
now sell it and make it, and doe as ye ought:  
Giue charge to the hewers (that many things mar) to  
be wout for crotches, for poles and for spars.

17 If hopyard or orchard, ye mind for to haue,  
for hop poles and crotches, in lopping go saue:  
Which husbandy saued, may serue at a push,  
and stop by so hauing, two gaps with a bush.

18 From Christmas, till Maie be wel entered in,  
some cattell war faint, and looke poorelie and thin:  
And chiefly when prime grasse, at first dooth appeare,  
then most is the danger, of all the whole yeere.

A medicine  
for faint  
cattel.

19 Take vergis and heat it, a pint for a cow,  
bay salt a handfull, to rub toong ye wot how:  
That done with the salt, let hir drinke off the rest,  
this many times raiseth, the feeble vp best.

To fasten  
lose teeth  
in a bullock.

20 Poore bullock with browsing, and naughtilie fed,  
scarce feedeth, hir teeth be so lose in hir bed:  
Then nise ye the taile, where ye feele it so soft,  
with foot and with garlike, bound to it aloft.

Swes by:  
on eaning.

21 By brambles and bushes, in pasture to full,  
poore sheepe be in danger, and loseth their wooll:  
Now therefore thine ewe, upon lanming so neere,  
desireth in pasture, that al may be cleere.

22 Leaue grubbing or pulling, of bushes (my sonne)  
til timelie thy senses, require to be donne:  
Then take of the best, for to furnish thy turne,  
and home with the rest, for the fire to burne.

23 In eucry greene, if the sence be not thine,  
now stub vp the bushes, the grasse to be fine:  
Least neighbour doo daillie, so hacke them beline,  
that neither thy bushes nor pasture can thine.

24 In ridding of pasture, with turses that lie by,  
fill euery hole vp, as close as a die:  
The labour is little, the profit is gay,  
what euer the loitering labourers say.



- 25 The sticks and the stones, go and gather vp cleene,  
for hurting of sleth, or for harming of greene:  
For feare of Hew prowler, get home with the rest,  
when frost is at hardest, then cariage is best.
- 26 Young brome or good pasture, thy ewes doo require,  
warne hart and in safetie, their lambs doo desire: Young lambs.  
Looke often well to them, for foxes and dogs,  
for pits and for brambles, for vermin and hogs.
- 27 More daintie the lambe, more worth to be sold,  
the sooner the better, for ewe that is old:  
But if ye do mind, to haue milke of the dame,  
till May doo not seuer, the lambe fro the same.
- 28 Ewes yeerely by twinning, rich maisters doo make,  
the lambe of such twinner, for breeders go take:  
For twinlings be twiggers, increase for to bring,  
though some for their twigging, Peccaui may sing.
- 29 Calues likly that come, betweene Christmas & Lent, Bearing  
of calves.  
take huswife to reare, or else after repent:  
Of such as doo fall, betweene change and the prime,  
no rearing but sell, or go kill them in time.
- 30 House calfe and go suckle it, twice in a day,  
and after a while, let it water and haie:  
Stake ragged to rub on, no such as will bend,  
then weane it well tended, at fiftie daies end.
- 31 The senioz weaned, his younger shall teach,  
how both to drinke water, and hay for to reach:  
More stroken and made of, when ought it dooth aile.  
more gentle ye make it, for yoke or the paille.
- 32 Geld bull calfe and ram lamb, as soone as they fall, Of gelding  
for therein is lightlie, no danger at all:  
Some spareth the tone, for to pleasure the eie,  
to haue him shew greater, when butcher shall bie.
- 33 Sowes readie to farrow, this time of the yeere,  
are for to be made of, and counted full deere:  
For now is the losse, of the far of the sow,  
more great than the losse, of two calves of thy cow.



¶  
Rearing of  
pigs.

¶  
A way to  
haue a larg  
breed of  
hogs.

¶  
Gelding  
time.

¶  
Reare the  
fairest of  
all things.

¶  
Of cow &  
sow.

34 Of one sow togither, reare few aboue five,  
and those of the fairest, and likeliest to thriue :  
¶ Angelt of the best, keepe a couple for stoz,   
one boze pig and sow pig, that sucketh befoze.

35 Who hath a desire, to haue stoz verie large,  
at Whitson tide, let him giue huswife a charge :  
¶ To reare of a sow at once, onellie but thre,  
and one of them also, a boze for to be.

36 Geld vnder the dam, within fortnight at least,  
and saue both thy monie, and life of the beast :  
¶ Geld later with gelders, as manie one doo,  
and looke of a doosen, to geld awaie two.

37 Thy colts for the saddle, geld yong to be light,  
for cart doo not so, if thou indigest aright :  
¶ Nor geld not, but when they are lustie and fat,  
for there is a point to be learned in that.

38 Geld fillies (but tits) yer a nine daies of age,  
they die else of gelding, (or gelders doo rage :)  
¶ Yong fillies so likelie, of bulke and of bone,  
keepe such to be breeders, let gelding alone.

39 For gaining a trifle, sell ouer thy stoz :  
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleasureth more ?  
¶ The larger of bodie, the better for breed,  
more forward of growing, the better they speed.

40 Good milchcow wel fed, that is faire and sound,  
is yerele for profit, as good as a pound :  
¶ And yet by the yere, haue I prooued yer now,  
as good to the purse, is a sow as a cow.

41 Keepe one and keepe both, with as little a cost,  
then all shall be saued and nothing be lost :  
¶ Both hauing togither, what profit is caught,  
good huswives (I warrant ye need not be taught.

42 For lambe, pig and calfe, and for other the like,  
tithe so as thy cattell, the Lord doo not strike :  
¶ Or if ye deale guilefullie, parson wil dreue,  
and so to your selfe, a worse turne ye may geue.



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43. Thy garden plot latelie, well trenched and muckt,  
would now be twifallowd, the mallowes out pluckt:  
Well clenfed and purged, of root and of ftone,  
that fault therein after ward, found may be none.
- 44 Remember thy hopyard, if feafon be drie,  
now dig it and weed it, and fo let it lie:  
More fennie the laier, the better his luft,  
more apt to beare hops, when it crumbles like duft.
- 45 To arbor begun, and quicke fetted about,  
no powling nor wadling, till fet be far out:  
For rotten and aged, may ftand for a fhe we,  
but hold to their tackling, there doe but a few.
- 46 In Ianuarie husband that pouceth the grotes,  
will breake vp his laie, or be fowing of otes:  
Otes fowne in Ianuary, laie by the wheat,  
in May by the haie, for the cattell to eat.
- 47 Let feruant be readie, with mattock in hand,  
to ftub out the bufhes, that noieth the land:  
And cumber fome roots, fo annoieng the plough,  
turne upward their arles, with fozrow inough.
- 48 Who breaketh vp timelie, his fallow or lay,  
lets forward his husbandry, manie a waie:  
This trimlie well ended, doth forwardlie bring,  
not onely thy tillage, but all other thing.
- 49 Though lay land ye break vp, when Christmas is gon  
for fowing of barlie, or otes thereupon:  
Yet haft not to fallow, till March be begun,  
leaff after ward wifhing, it had beene vndun.
- 50 Such land as ye breake vp, for barlie to fow,  
two earths at the leaff, yer ye fow it beftow:  
If land be thereafter, fet oting apart,  
and follow this leffon, to comfort thine hart.
- 51 Some breaking vp lay, foweth otes to begin,  
to fuck out the moiffure, fo fower therein:  
Yet otes with hir fucking, a peeler is found,  
both ill to the maifter, and worfe to fome ground.

weeding of  
hopyard.

Sowing of  
Otes.

Breaking  
vp lay in  
fome contry.



## Februaries abstract.

52 Land arable, driven or worne to the pouse,  
it craueth some rest, for thy profits behoufe:  
With otes ye may sow it, the sooner to grasse,  
more soone to be pasture, to bring it to passe.

Thus ends Januaries husbandry.

## ¶ Februaries abstract.

Chap. 33.

**L**ay compass inow,  
yet euer ye plow.

2 Place dung heaps arowe,  
more barlie to grow.

3 Eat etch or ye plow,  
with hog, sheepe, and colwe.  
Sow lintals ye may,  
and peason gray.  
Kepe white vnsowne,  
till more be knowne.

4 Sow pease good trull,  
the mone past full.  
Fine seedes then sow,  
whilst mone dooth grow.

5 Boy follow the plough,  
and harrow inough,  
so harrow ye shall,  
till couerd be all.

6 Sow pease not too thin,  
per plough ye set in.

7 Late sown soe noleth,  
late ripe hog stroteth.

8 Some prouender saue,  
for plough horse to haue.  
to oren that draw,  
giue haie and not strawe.  
To steeres ye may,  
mire straw with haie.

9 Much carting ill tillage,  
makes some to fle village.

10 Use cattell aright,  
to keepe them in plight,

11 Good quickset bie,  
olde gathered will die.

12 Stick bowes a rowe,  
where runciuals growe.

13 Sow kirkels and haue,  
where redge ye did drawe.

14 Sow mustard seed,  
and helpe to kill weed.  
where sets do grow,  
see nothing ye sow.

15 Get vines and osier,  
plash hedge of inclosure,  
Feed highlie thy swan,  
to loue hir god man,  
Best hie I aduise,  
least floud do arise.

16 Land medow spare,  
there dung is good ware.

17 Goe strike off the noholes,  
of deluing motoles,  
such hillocks in vaine,  
late leuelled plaine.

18 To wet the land,  
let mowle hill stand.

19 Poore

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19 Poore cattell craue,  
some shift to haue.

20 Colo little giue th,  
that hardlie liue th.

21 Kid barlie all now,  
clene forth thy mow.  
choyce seed out draw,  
saue cattell for straw.

22 To coast man ride,  
Lent stufte to prouide.

Thus endeth Februaries abstract,  
agreing with Februaries hus-  
bandry.

Other short remem-  
brances.

Trench medow and redge,  
dike quickset and hedge.  
to plots not full,  
ad bremble and hull.

Let wheat and the rie,  
for thresher still lie.  
Such straw some saue,  
for thacker to haue

Poore cunnie so bagged,  
is sone ouer lagged,  
Plash burrow, set clapper,  
for dog is a snapper.

Here ends Februaries short remembrances.

Februaries husbandry.

Chap. 34.

Februarie fill the dike,  
with that thou dost like.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**W**ho laieth on dung, yer he laieth on plow,  
such husbandrie vseth, as thurst doth allow:  
One month yer ye spred it, so still let it stand,  
yer euer to plow it, ye take it in hand.

E.iii.

2 Place

Good sight who loues,  
must feed their dones.

Bid hauking adew,  
cast hauke into mew.

Keepe sheepe out of byters,  
keepe beastes out of miers.  
Keepe lambes from for,  
else shepherd go bor.

Good neighbor mine,  
now poke thy swine  
Now enerie daie,  
set hops ye may.

Now set for thy pot,  
best herbs to be got.  
For flowers go set,  
all sorts ye can get.

As winter doth proue,  
so may ye remoue.  
Now all things reare,  
for all the yere.

Watch ponds, go loke,  
to weeles and hooke.  
Bnaues seld repent,  
to steale in Lent.

Alls fish they get,  
that cometh to net,  
Whomucke regards,  
makes hillocks in yards.



## Februarie husbandry.

- 2 **W**here doing heape aloan, by the furrow along,  
where water al winter time, did it such wrong:  
**S**o make ye the land, to be lussy and fat,  
and cozne thereon soone, to be better for that.
- 3 **G**o plow in the stubble, for now is the season,  
for sowing of fitches, of beanes and of peason:  
**S**owe runciualls timelle, and all that be gray,  
but sowe not the white, till **S.** Gregories day.
- 4 **S**owe peason and beans, in the wane of the moone,  
who soweth them sooner, he soweth to soone:  
**T**hat they with the planet, may rest and arise,  
and flourish with bearing, most plentifull wise.
- 5 **F**riend harrow in time, by some manner of meanes,  
not onely thy peason, but also thy beanes:  
**U**nharrowed die, being buried in clay,  
where harrowed flourish, as flowers in May.
- 6 **B**oth peason and beans, sowe afoze ye do plow,  
the sooner ye harrow, the better for you:  
**W**hite peason so good, for the purse and the pot  
let them be well vled, elie well doo ye not.
- 7 **H**ave eie vnto harvest, what ever ye sowe,  
for feare of mischances, by riping to slowe:  
**L**east cozne be destroied, contrarie to right,  
by hogs or by cattell, by day or by night.
- 8 **G**ood prouender, labouring horses would haue,  
good haie and good plentie, plow oren do craue:  
**T**o hale out thy mucke, and to plow out thy ground,  
or else it may hinder thee, many a pound.
- 9 **W**ho slacketh his tillage, a carter to be,  
for groat got abroad, at home shall lose thee:  
**A**nd so by his doing, he brings out of hart,  
both land for the cozne, and horse for the cart.
- 10 **W**ho abuseth his cattel, and starues them for meat,  
by carting or plowing, his gaine is not great,  
**W**here he that with labor, can vse them aright,  
hath gaine to his comfort, and cattle in plight.



## Februarie husbandry.

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- 11 Buy quickset at market, new gathered and small,  
buy bushes or willow, to fense it withall:  
Set willows to grow, in the stead of a stake,  
for cattell in summer, a shadowe to make.
- 12 Sticke plenty of bowes, among runciuall pease,  
to climber thereon, and to branch at their ease:  
So doing more tender, and greater they wax,  
if peacocke and turkey, leaue iobbing their ber.
- 13 Now sow and go harrowe, where redge ye did draue,  
the seed of the bremble, with kinnell and haw:  
Which couered ouerlie, sone to shut out,  
go see it be ditched, and fensed about.
- 14 Where banks be amended, and newlie vp cast,  
sowe mustard seed, after a shower be past:  
Where plots full of nettels, be noisome to eie,  
sow thereupon hempseed, and nettles wil die.
- 15 The vines and the osiers, cut and go set,  
if grape be vnpleasant a better go get:  
Feed swan, and go make hit vp stronglie a nest,  
for feare of a floud, good and hie is the best.
- 16 Land medow that yerelie, is spared for hay,  
now fense it and spare it, and doing it ye may:  
Get moulecatcher cunninglie, moule for to kill,  
and harrow, and cast abroad euerie hill.
- 17 Where medow or pasture, to mow ye do lay,  
let moule be dispatched, some manner of wale:  
Then cast abroad moulhill, as flat as ye can,  
for many commodities, following than.
- 18 If pasture by nature, is giuen to be wet,  
then bare with the molehill, though thicke it be set:  
That lambe may sit on it, and so to sit dye,  
or else to lie by it, the warmer to lie.
- 19 Friend alway let this be, a part of thy care,  
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare:  
So haue you good feeding, in bushets and lease,  
and quicklie safe finding, of cattell at ease.

Runciuall  
peason.

Catthing  
of moules

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20 Where



## Marches abstract.

- 20 Where cattel may run about, rousing at will,  
from pasture to pasture, poore bellie to fill:  
There pasture and cattel, both hungrie and bare,  
for want of good husbandry, worse doo fare.
- 21 Now thresh out thy barlie, for malt or for seed,  
for breadcorne (if need be) to serue as shall need:  
If worke for the thresher, ye mind for to haue,  
of wheat and of messlin, vntreshed go saue.
- 22 Now timelie for Lent stufte, thy mony disburse,  
the longer ye tarrie, for profit the worse:  
If one penie vantage, be therein to saue,  
of coastman or fleimning, be sure to haue.

Thus ends Februarie husbandry.

## ¶ Marches abstract.

Chap. 35.

- W**hite peason sow,  
scare hungry crow.
- 2 Spare medow for haie,  
spare marches at Maie.
- 3 keepe sheepe from dog,  
keepe lambs from hog,  
If foxes mowse them,  
then watch or house them.
- 4 March drie or wet,  
hop grounds go set,  
Young rootes well dress,  
prooue euer best.  
Grant hop great hill,  
to grow at will.  
From hop long gut,  
awaie goe cut.
- 5 Here learne the waie,  
hop roots to laie.
- 6 Kats best to proue,  
thus set I loue.
- 7 Leane space and room,  
to hillock to come.
- 8 Of hedge and willow,  
hop makes his pillow  
God bearing hop,  
climes vp to the top.  
keepe hop from sun,  
and hop is vndun.
- 9 Hop tooles procure,  
that may indure,  
Iron crow like a stake,  
deepe hole to make.  
A scraper to pare,  
the earth about bare  
A bone to raise root,  
like sole of a boot.  
Sharp knife to cut,  
superfluous gut.
- 10 Who grassing leues  
now grassing proues.

Of euerie suit,  
grasse daintie fruit.  
Grasse good fruit all,  
or grasse not at all.

11 Grasse sone may be lost,  
both grassing and cost.  
Learne here take heed,  
what counsell dooth breed.

12 Sowre barlie that can,  
to sone ye shall ban.  
Let horse keepe his owne,  
till barlie be sowne.  
Sowre euen thy land,  
with plentiful hand.  
Sowre ouer and vnder,  
in clay is no wonder.

13 By sowing in wet,  
is little to get.

14 Stright follow the plow,  
and harrow inow.  
With sling go throwe,  
go scare a waie crowe.

15 Rowle after a deaw,  
when barlie doth shew.  
More handsome to make it,  
to mowe and to rake it.

16 Learne here you may,  
best harrowing waie.

17 Now rowle thy wheat,  
where clots be to great.

18 Make readie a plot,  
for seeds for the pot.

19 Best searching minds,  
the best waie finds.

20 For garden best,  
is south southwest.

21 Good tilth brings seeds  
euill tulture weeds.

22 For summer sowe now,  
for winter see how.

23 Learne time to knowe,  
to set or sowe,

24 Young plants sone die,  
that growes to drie.

25 In countrie doth rest,  
what season is best.

26 Good peason and lekes,  
make pottage for creekes.

27 Haue spownemeat illough,  
for cart and the plough  
Good pooze mans fare,  
is pooze mans care.  
And not to boast,  
of sod and rost.

28 Cause rooke and rauen  
to seeke a new hauen.

Thus endeth Marches abstract,  
agreeing with Marches husbandry.

Other short remem-  
brances.

Geld lams now all,  
straight as they fall.  
Looke twice a daie,  
least lambs decalc.

Where horse did harrowe,  
put stones in barrow,  
And lay them by,  
in heaps on hie.

Let Dre once say,  
loose nothing of that.

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## Marches abstract.

Now hunt with thy dog,  
byoked hog.

With doves good lucke,  
reare gase and duck,  
to spare aright,  
spare March his flight.

Seeds and hearbs for the  
kitchen.

**A**lens.  
Betonie.

Bleetes or Beetes, white or  
yellow.

Bloodwort.

Buglos.

Burnet.

Burrage.

cabage remoue in June.  
clarie.

coleworts.

crelles.

Endiue.

Fennell.

French malows.

French saffron sette in Au-  
gust.

Langdebée.

Leeks remoue in June.

Lettis remoue in may.

Longwort.

Liuertwort.

Marigolds often cut.

Mercurie.

Mints at all times.

Pep.

Onions from December  
to March.

Orach or arach, red and

white.

Patience

Parcelle

Penerial

Primrose

Rozer

Rosemarie in the spring  
time to growe, southe or  
west.

Sage red and white.

English saffron sette in Au-  
gust.

Summer sauozie.

Sorell

Spinage

Suckerie

Sieths

tansie

time.

Violets of all sorts.

Winter sauozie.

Herbs and roots for sallets  
and sauce.

Alexanders at all times.

Artichokes.

Blessed thistle, or Carduus  
benedictus.

cucumbers in Aprill & May.

crellas, sowe with Lettis in  
the spring.

Endiue

Mustard seed, sow in the  
spring and at michelmas.

Muske millon, in Aprill and  
may.

Mints.

Purflane.

## Marches abstract.

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| <p>11 Radish, after remoue them.<br/>         12 Rampions.<br/>         13 Kokat in Aprill.<br/>         14 Sage,<br/>         15 Sozell.<br/>         16 Spinage for the summer,<br/>         17 Sea holie.<br/>         18 Sparage, let growe t'woe<br/>             yeares, and then remoue,<br/>         19 Skirrets, set these plants in<br/>             March.<br/>         20 Suckerie.<br/>         21 Tarragon, sett in flippes in<br/>             March.<br/>         22 Violets of all colours.<br/>             These buy with the penie,<br/>             Or looke not for anie.<br/>         1 Capers.<br/>         2 Lemmans.<br/>         3 Olives.<br/>         4 Oranges.<br/>         5 Rile.<br/>         6 Sampire.<br/>             Herbes and roots to boile<br/>             or to butter.<br/>         1 Beans, set in winter.<br/>         2 Cabbages, sowe in Marche,<br/>             and after remoue,<br/>         3 Carets.<br/>         4 Citrons, sow in May,<br/>         5 Gourds in Maie.<br/>         6 Nauews sow in June.<br/>         7 Pompons in Maie.<br/>         8 Perseneps in winter.<br/>         9 Runciuall pease set in Win-<br/>             ter,<br/>         10 Rapes sow in June.<br/>         11 turneps in Marche and Aprill.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Strowing hearbs of al<br/>sorts.</p> <p>1 Basil fine and bushy, sowe in<br/>    maie.<br/>         2 Baulme in Marche.<br/>         3 Camomill.<br/>         4 Costmarie.<br/>         5 Cowslips &amp; pagles,<br/>         6 Daisies of all sorts.<br/>         7 Sweet fenell.<br/>         8 Germander,<br/>         9 Hop set in february,<br/>         10 Lauander.<br/>         11 Lauender spike,<br/>         12 Lauender cotton.<br/>         13 Mariorum knotted, sowe or<br/>             set at the spring,<br/>         14 Maudeline.<br/>         15 Penall riall.<br/>         16 Roses of all sorts in Januar-<br/>             ie and September.<br/>         17 Red mints.<br/>         18 Sage.<br/>         19 tansie,<br/>         20 Violets.<br/>         21 Winter sauozie.<br/>             Herbs, branches and flowers<br/>             for windowes and<br/>             pots.<br/>         1 Baies sowe or set in plantes<br/>             in Januarie.<br/>         2 Batchelers buttons.<br/>         3 Bottels, blewe red and<br/>             tawnie.<br/>         4 columbines.<br/>         5 champions.<br/>         6 cowslips,<br/>         7 Daffadondillies.<br/>         8 Eglantina</p> |
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8 Eglantine or sweet brier.

9 Fetherfew.

Flower armour sowe in  
May.

Flower de luce.

Flower gentle white and  
red.

Flower nice.

Gilleflowers redde, white, and  
carnation set in the springe,  
and at the haruest in pottes,  
pisses, or tubs, or for Sum-  
mer in beds.

Hollhocks white, redde, and  
carnation.

Indian eie, sowe in May, or  
set in slips in March.

Lauender of all sorts.

Larks foot.

Laus tibi.

Lilium conualsum.

Lillies red and white, sowe  
or set in Marche, and Sep-  
tember.

Marigold double.

Pigella Romana.

Paonies or hartsease.

Pagles greene and yelow.

Pinks of all sorts.

Queenes gilleflowers.

Rosemary

Roses of all sorts

Snag dragons.

Sops in wine.

Sweet williams

Sweet Johns.

Star of Bethel.

Star of Jerusalem.

Stocke Gilleflowers of all  
sorts.

Tuft gilleflowers.

Veluet flowers, or Frenche  
Marigolds.

Violets yelow and white.

Wall Gilleflowers of all  
sorts.

Herbs to still in summer.

Blessed thistle.

Betonie.

Dill.

Endiue

Eiebright.

Fennell.

Fumetorie.

Flop.

Mints.

Plantine.

Roses red and damaske.

Raspies.

Saristrage.

Strawberries.

Sorell.

Suckerie.

Woodroffe for sweet waters  
and cakes.

Necessarie herbs to grow in  
the garden for physicke not  
reherfed before.

Annis.

Archangell

Betonie.

Charulle.

Cinquille.

Cummin.

Dragons.

Dittante

## Marches husbandry.

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| 8 Dittanie or garden ginger.  | 20 Smalack for swellings.   |
| 9 Cromell seed for the stone. | 21 Harifrage for the stone. |
| 10 Hartstoong.                | 22 Saurine for the bots.    |
| 11 Horehound.                 | 23 Stichwort.               |
| 12 Louage for the stone.      | 24 Valerian.                |
| 13 Licoriz.                   | 25 Woadbin                  |
| 14 Pandrake                   |                             |
| 15 Mugwort.                   |                             |
| 16 Pionees.                   |                             |
| 17 Poppie.                    |                             |
| 18 Rew.                       |                             |
| 19 Rubarb                     |                             |

Thus ends in bræfe,  
Of hearbs the chæfe,  
To get more skill,  
Read whome ye will,  
Such mo to haue,  
Of field go craue.

## ¶ Marches husbandry.

Chap. 36.

March dust to be sold,  
worth ranfome of gold,

Forgotten month past,  
Do now at the last.

- 1 **W**hite peason, both good for the pot & the purse,  
by sowing too timely, proue often the wurse:  
Because they be tender, and hateth the cold,  
proue March ver ye sow them, for being too bold.
- 2 Spare meadow at Gregorie, marshes at Paske,  
for feare of drie summer, no longer time al ke:  
Then hedge them and ditch them, bestow thereon pence,  
corne, meadow and pasture, al ke alway good sence.
- 3 Of massiues and mungrels, that manie we see,  
a number of thousands, too manie there be:  
Watch therefore in Lent, to thy sheepe goe and looke,  
for dogs wil haue bittels, by hooke and by crooke.
- 4 In March at the furthest, drie season or wet,  
hop rootes so well chosen, let skilfull go set:  
The goeler and yonger, the better I loue,  
well gutted and pared, the better they proue.
- 5 Some laieth them crossewise, along in the ground,  
as high as the knee, they doo couer vp round:  
Some pricke vp a sticke, in the mids of the same,  
that little round hillock, the better to frame.

In Lent  
haue an eie  
to sheepe  
biters.

Setting of  
hops.

6 Some



6 Some maketh a hollownes, halfe a foot deepe,  
with foure sets in it, set slantwise asleepe:

One foote from another, in order to lie,  
and thereon a hillocke, as round as a pie.

7 Fiue foot from another, ech hillocke would stand,  
as streight as a leuelled line with the hand:

Let euerie hillock, be fower foot wide,  
the better to come to, on euerie side.

8 By willowes that groweth, thy hopyard without,  
and also by hedges thy medowes about:

Good hop hath a pleasure, to cline and to spread,  
if sunne may haue passage, to comfort hir head.

Hop tooles.

9 Set crow made of iron, deepe hole for to make,  
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharpe as a stake:

A hone and a parer, like sole of a boot,  
to pare awaie grasse, and to raise vp the root.

Grafting.

10 In March is good grafting, the skilfull doe knowe,  
so long as the wind, in the East doe not blowe:

From moone being changed, till past be the prime,  
for grafting and cropping, is very good time.

11 Things grafted or planted, the greatest and least,  
defend against tempest, the bird and the beast:

Defended shall prosper, the tother is lost,  
the thing with the labour, the time and the cost.

12 Sow barlie in March, in Aprill and May,  
the later in sand, and the sooner in clare:

What worser for barlie, then wetnes & cold?

What better to skilfull, than time to be bold?

13 Wha soweth his barly, too soone or in rain,  
of otes and of thistles, shall after complain:

I speake not of May weed, cocle and such,  
that noieth the barlie, so often and much:

14 Let barlie be harrowed, finelie as dust,  
then workmanlie trench it, and fense it ye must:

This season well plied, let sowing an end,  
and prasse and pray God, a good haruest to send.

15 Some



## Marches husbandry.

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Rowling  
of barlie.

- 15 Some rowleth their barlie, strait after a raine,  
when first it appeareth, to leuell it plaine:  
The barlie so vsed, the better dooth grow,  
and handsome ye make it, at haruest to mow.
- 16 Otes, barlie and pease, harrow after ye sowe,  
for ye harrowe first, as alreadie ye know:  
Leaue wheat little clod, for to couer the head,  
that after a frost, it may out and go spread.
- 17 If clod in thy wheat, will not breake with the frost,  
if now ye doe rowle it, it quiteth the cost:  
But see when ye rowle it, the weather be drie,  
or else it were better, vnrolled to lie.
- 18 In March and in Aprill, from morning to night,  
in sowing and setting, good huswifes delight:  
To haue in a garden, or other like plot,  
to trim vp their house, and to furnish their pot.
- 19 The nature of flowers, dame physicke dooth shew,  
she teacheth them all, to be knowne to a few:  
To set or to sowe, or else sowne to remoue,  
how that should be practised, learne if ye loue.
- 20 Land falling or lieng, full south or south west,  
for profit by tillage, is lightlie the best:  
So garden with Orchard, and hopyard I find,  
that want the like benefit, grow out of kind.
- 21 If field to beare coine, a good tillage dooth craue,  
what thinke ye of garden, what garden would haue?  
In feild without cost, be assured of weedes:  
in garden be sure thou losest thy seedes.
- 22 At spring for the summer, sowe garden ye shall,  
at haruest for winter, or sowe not at all:  
Oft digging, remouing, and weeding ye see,  
makes herbe the more holssome, and greater to be.
- 23 Time faire to sow, or to gather be bold,  
but set or remoue, when the weather is cold:  
Cut all thing or gather, the moone in the wane,  
but sowe in increasing, or giue it his bane.

Gardening

To know  
good land.

24 Now



## Aprils abstract.

- 24 Now sets doe as ke watering, with pot or with dish,  
new sowne doe not so, if ye doe as I wish:  
Throug cunning with dibble, rake mattocke and spade,  
by line and by leauell trim garden is made.
- 25 Who soweth too lateward, hath sildome good seeðe,  
who soweth too soone, little better shall spæd:  
Apt time and the season, so diuers to hit,  
let aier and laier, helpe practise and wit.
- 26 Now leekes are in season, for pottage full good,  
and spareth the milchcow, and purgeth the blood:  
These hauing with peason, for pottage in Lent,  
thou sparest both otemell, and bread to be spent.
- 27 Though neuer so much, a good huswife dooth care,  
that such as doe labour, haue hus bandly fare:  
Yet feed them and cram them, till purse doe lacke chynke,  
no spoone meat, no bellie full, labourers thinke.
- 28 Kill crowe, pie and cadow, rooke buzzard and rauen,  
or else go desire them, to seeke a new hauen:  
In scaling the yongest, to plucke off his becke,  
beware how ye climber for breaking your necke.

Destroie  
pies, rookes  
& rauens  
nests, &c.

Thus endeth Marches hus bandry.

## Aprils Abstract.

Chap. 37.

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| 1 Some champions lay,       | 7 First barke go sell,      |
| Sto fallow in Maie,         | per timber ye sell,         |
| 2 When filth plowes breake, | 8 Fense copie in,           |
| poze cattell cries creake.  | per helwers begin,          |
| 3 One daie per ye plow,     | 9 The straightest ye know,  |
| spread compasse inow.       | for staddles let grow,      |
| 4 Some fodder bieth,        | 10 Crabtree preserve,       |
| in fen where it lieth,      | for plough to serue,        |
| 5 Thou champion wight,      | 11 Get timber out,          |
| haue colwmeat for night.    | per yeare go about.         |
| 6 Set hop his pole,         | 12 Som contry lack plowmeat |
| make deepe his hole,        | and som doe lacke colwmeat, |

13 Small

## Aprils husbandry.

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| <p>13 Small commons and bare,<br/>yeelds cattell ill fare.</p> <p>14 Some common with geese,<br/>and sheepe without fleese.<br/>Some tits thither bring,<br/>and hogs without ring.</p> <p>15 Some champions agree,<br/>as waspe doth with bee.</p> <p>16 Get swineheard for hogge,<br/>but kill not with dog.<br/>Where swineheard doth lack<br/>corne goeth to wack.</p> <p>17 All goes to the diuel,<br/>where shepheard is euill.</p> | <p>18 Come home from land,<br/>with stone in hand.</p> <p>19 Man cow prouides,<br/>wife dairie guides.</p> <p>20 Slut Citley vntaught,<br/>bath whitmeat naught.</p> <p>21 Some bringeth in gaines,<br/>some lose beside paines.</p> <p>22 Run Cisse fault knowne,<br/>with more than thine owne.<br/>Such mistres, such man,<br/>such maister such man.<br/>Thus endeth Aprils abstract,<br/>agreeing with Aprils husbandry.</p> |
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## ¶ Aprils husbandry.

Chap. 38.

Sweet April shewers,  
Doe spring May flowers

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**I**n Cambridge shire forward, to Lincolnshire waie,  
the champion maketh his fallow in May:  
Then thinking so doing, one tillage worth twaine,  
by forcing of weed, by that meanes to refrain.

2 If Aprill be dripping, then doe I not hate,  
for him that hath little, his fallowing late:  
Else otherwise fallowing, timelie is best,  
for sauing of cattell, of plough and the rest.

3 Be sure of plough to be readie at hand,  
per compass ye spread, that on hillocks did stand:  
Least drieng so lieng, doe make it decaie,  
per euer much water doe wash it awaie.

4 Looke now to prouide ye, of medow for hay,  
if fens be vndrowned, there chepest ye may:  
In fen for the bullocke, for horse not so well,  
count best the best chepe, whersoer ye dwell.

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5 Pro.



## Aprils husbandry.

5 Provide ye of cowmeat, for cattell at night,  
and chieflie where commons, lie far out of sight:  
Where cattell be tied, without any meat,  
that profit by dairie, can neuer be great.

Put poles  
to your  
hops.

6 Get into thy hopyard, with plentie of poles,  
amongst the same hillocks, diuide them by doles:  
Three poles to a hillock (I passe not how long)  
shall yeeld thee more profit, set deepe lie and strong.

7 Sell barke to the tanner, yer timber ye sell,  
cut low by the ground, or else doe ye not well:  
In breaking saue crooked, for mill and for ships,  
and euer in hewing, saue carpenters chips.

8 First see it well fensed, yer hewers begin,  
then see it well stabled, without and within:  
Thus being preserved, and husbandie don,  
shall sooner raise profit, to thee or thy sonne.

Stabling  
of woods.

9 Leauē growing for saddles, the likest and best,  
though seller and buier, dispatched the rest:  
In bushes, in hedgerow, in groue and in wood,  
this lesson obserued, is needfull and good.

10 Saue elme, ash and crabtree, for cart and for plough,  
saue step for a stile, of the crotch of the bough:  
Saue hazell for forks, saue fallow for rake,  
saue buluer and thorne, thereof staile for to make.

11 Make riddance of cariage, yer yer go about,  
for spoiling of plant, that is newlie come out:  
To carter with oren, this message I bring,  
leauē not ore abroad, for annoieng the spring.

12 Allowance of fodder, some countries doe yeeld,  
as good for the cattell, as haie in the feild:  
Some mowe vp their hedlonds, and plots among corne  
and driuen to leauē nothing, vnmowne or vnthorne.

13 Some commons are barren, the nature is such,  
and some ouerlaieth, the commons too much:  
The pestered commons, small profit dooth giue,  
and profit as little, some reape I beleue.

14 Some

- 24 Some pester the commons, with fadcs & with geese,  
with hog without ring, and with sheepe without fleese:  
Some lose a daies labour, with seeking their owne,  
some meet with a bootie they would not haue knowne
- 15 Great troubles and losses, the champion sees,  
and euer in bzauling, as wasps amongst bees:  
As charitie that waie, appeareth but small,  
so lesse be their winnings, or nothing at all.
- 16 Where champion wanteth, a swinheard for hog,  
there many complaineth of naughtie mans dog:  
Where ech his owne keeper, apoints without care,  
there corne is destroied, yet men be aware.
- 17 The land is well harted, with help of the fold,  
for one or two crops, if so long it will hold:  
If shepheard would keepe them, from stroieng of corne,  
the walke of his sheepe, might the better be bozne.
- 18 Where stones be to manie, annoieng thy land,  
make seruant come home, with a stone in his hand:  
By dailie so doing, haue plentie ye shall,  
both handsome for pauing, and good for a wall.
- 19 From Aprill beginning, till Andrew be past,  
so long with good huswife, hir dairie dooth last,  
Good milchcow and pasture, good husbands prouide,  
the residue good huswives, knowe best how to guide.
- 20 Ill huswife vnskilful, to make hir owne cheese,  
thzough trusting of others, hath this for hir fees:  
Hir milkepan and creame pot, so slabberd and soft,  
that butter is wanting, and cheese is halfe lost.
- 21 Where some of a cow, doe raise yarelie a pound,  
with such sillie huswives, no penie is found:  
Then dairie maid Cisle, hir fault being knowne,  
apace a waie trudgeth, with more than hir owne.
- 22 Then neighbor for Gods sake, if any you see,  
good seruant for dairie house, waine hir to me:  
Such maister such man, such mistresse such maid,  
such husband and huswife, such houses araid.



*A lesson for dairie maid Cisley of ten  
topping ghests.*

**A** S wife that will,  
A good hus band please,  
Must shun with I kill,  
such ghests as these.

**So** Cisse that serues,  
must marke this note:  
What fault deserues,  
a brushed cote.

Ten top-  
ping ghests  
in sent, for.

Geheste, Lots wife, and Argus his eies,  
tom piper, peoze Cobler, and Lazarus thies:  
Rough Elau, with Haudlin, and Gentiles that scral,  
With bushop that burneth, thus know ye the m all.

These toppinglie ghests, be in number but ten,  
As welcome in dairie, as beares among men:  
Which being described, take heed of ye shall,  
For danger of afterclaps, after that fall.

white and  
drie.  
Too salt.

1 Gehezie his sicknesse, was whitish and drie,  
such cheeses good Cisley, ye floted to nie:  
2 Leauie lot with hir piller good Cisley alone,  
much saltnes in white meat, is il for the stone.

Ful of eies.

3 If cheeses in dairie, haue Argus his eies,  
tell Cisley the faulte in hir huswifery lies.

Houen

4 Tom piper hath houen, and puffed up cheeks,  
if cheese be so houen, make Cisse to seeke creeks.

Tough.

5 Peoze Cobler he tuggeth his leatherlie trash,  
if cheese abide tugging, tug Cisley a crash.

Ful of  
spots.

6 If Lazer so lothsome in cheese be espied,  
let baies amend Cisley, or shift hir aside.

Ful of  
heares.

7 Rough Elau was hairie, from top to the fut,  
if cheese so appeareth, call Cisley a fut.

Ful of  
whep.

8 As Haudlen wept, so would Cisley be drest,  
for whep in hir cheeses, not halfe inough prest.

Ful of  
Gentils.  
Burnt to  
the pan.

9 If Gentiles be scraling, call maggot the pie,  
if cheeses haue Gentils, at Cisse by and by.  
10 Blesse Cisley (good mistres) that bushop doth ban,  
for burning the milke, of hir cheese to the pan.

If thou (so oft beaten)  
amendest by this:

I wil no more threaten,  
I promise thee Cis.

**Thus**

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Thus dairie maide Cisse, rehearsed ye see,  
 what faults with good huswife, in dairy house be,  
 Of market abhorred, to household a greefe,  
 to maister and mistresse, as ill as a theefe.

*Thus endeth Aprils husbandry.*

## ¶ Maies Abstract.

Chap. 39.

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| <p><b>P</b>ut lambe for ewe,<br/>         to milke a few.</p> <p>2 Be not too bold,<br/>         to milke and to fold.</p> <p>3 Five ewes allowe,<br/>         to euerie cow.</p> <p>4 Sheepe twigling talle,<br/>         hath mads without falle,</p> <p>5 Beat hard in the reed,<br/>         where house hath need.</p> <p>6 Leave cropping from Maie,<br/>         to Michellmas daie,<br/>         Let Maie be killed,<br/>         else trea will be spilled.</p> <p>7 Now threshers warne,<br/>         to rid the barne.</p> <p>8 Be sure of haie,<br/>         till the end of maie.</p> <p>9 Let sheepe fill flanke,<br/>         where corne is to ranke.</p> <p>10 In woodland leuer,<br/>         in champion neuer.</p> <p>10 To weeding a waie,<br/>         as soone as ye may.</p> <p>11 For corne here read,<br/>         what naughtie weed.</p> | <p>12 Who weeding slacketh,<br/>         good husbandrie lacketh.</p> <p>13 Solve buck or branke,<br/>         that smells so ranke.</p> <p>14 Thy branke go and solve,<br/>         where barlie did growe.<br/>         The next crop wheat,<br/>         is husbandrie neat.</p> <p>15 Solve pascods some,<br/>         for harvest to come.</p> <p>16 Solve hempe and flax,<br/>         that spinning lacks.</p> <p>17 teach hop to clime,<br/>         for now it is time.</p> <p>18 Through fowles and weeds<br/>         poore hop ill speeds.<br/>         Cut off or crop,<br/>         superfluous hop.<br/>         The titters or tine,<br/>         makes hop to pine.</p> <p>19 Some raketh their wheat,<br/>         with rake that is great,<br/>         So titters and tine,<br/>         begotten out fine,</p> <p>20 Now sets doo craue,<br/>         some weeding to haue.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21 Now</p> |
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## Maies husbandry.

- 21 Pow dreine as ye like,  
both fen and dike.
- 22 Watch bees in May,  
for swarming awaie.  
Both now and in June,  
marke master bees tune.
- 23 Twisallow thy land,  
least plough else stand.
- 24 No longer tarrie,  
out compas carrie.
- 25 Where need doth prate it,  
there see ye laie it.
- 26 Set lacke and Jone,  
to gather bp stone.
- 27 To grasse with thy calnes,  
take nothing to halues.
- 28 Be sure thy neat,  
haue water and meat
- 29 By tainting of ground,  
destruction is found.
- 30 Now cartage get,  
home se well to fet, <sup>S. Helens</sup>  
tell fagot and billet <sup>day,</sup>  
for filching gillet, <sup>August</sup>

Here ends Maies short remembrances.

Maies husbandry.

Chap. 40.

Cold May and windie,  
Barne filleth by finelie,

Forgotten month past,  
Doo now at the last.

- 1 **A**T Philip and Jacob, awaie with the lambs,  
that thinkest to haue any milke of their dams:  
At Lammes leaue milking, for feare of a thing,  
least Requiem eternam in winter they sing.
- 2 To milke and to fold them, is much to require,  
except ye haue pasture, to fill their desire:  
Yet manie by milking, such heed they doe take,  
not hurting their bodies, much profit doe make.

3 Fine

- 31 In summer for firing,  
let citte be baieng.  
Marke colliers packing,  
least coles be lacking.  
See opened sacke,  
for two in a packe.

32 Let nodding patch,  
go sleepe a snatch.

33 Wise as you will,  
now plie your still.

34 Fine basell sow,  
in a pot to growe.  
Fine seeds sow now,  
before ye saw how.

35 keepe or from cow,  
for causes inow.

Thus endeth Maies abstract,  
agreeing with Maies husbandry.

Other short remem-  
brances.

From bull cow fast,  
till Trovchmas be past,  
From heifer bull bid thee,  
till Lammes bid thee.



- 3 Fine ewes to a cow, make profe by a score,  
shall double thy dairie, else trust me no more:  
Yet may a good huswife, that knoweth the skill,  
haue mirt or vnmirt, at hir pleasure and will.
- 4 If sheepe or thy lambe fall a wzigling with tasle,  
go by and by search it, whiles helpe may pzeuaile:  
That barbarlie handled, I dare thee assure,  
cast dust in his arse, thou hast finisht the cure.
- 5 Where houses be reeded (as houses haue need)  
now pare of the mosse, and go beat in the reed:  
The iuster ye driue it, the smother and plaine,  
more handsome ye make it to shut off the raine.
- 6 From may till October, leaue cropping, for why?  
in woodseere, whatsoeuer thou croppest shal die:  
Where Iuie imbraceth the tree verie soze,  
kill Iuie, else tree will addle no more.
- 7 Keepe threshing for threisher, till May be come in,  
to haue to be sure, fresh chaffe in the bin:  
And somewhat to scramble, for hog and for hen,  
and worke when it raineth, for loitering men.
- 8 Be sure of haie, and of prouender some,  
for labouring cattell, till pasture be come:  
And if ye doe mind, to haue nothing to serue,  
haue one thing or other, for all things to serue.
- 9 Ground compassed well, a following yeare,  
if wheat or thy barlie, too ranke doe appeare:  
Now eat it with sheepe, or else mowe it you may,  
for ledging, and so, to the birds for a pray.
- 10 In May get a weedhooke, a crotch and a gloue,  
and weed out such weeds, as the cozne doth not loue:  
For weeding of winter cozne, now it is best,  
but Iune is the better for weeding the rest.
- 11 The Maie weed doth burne, and the thistle doth freat  
the fitches pull downward, both rie and the wheat:  
The brake and the cockle, be noisome too much,  
yet like vnto boddle, no weed there is such.

count stoz  
no stoz

weeding.



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12 Slacke neuer thy weeding, for dearth nor for cheape,  
the corne shall reward it, yet euer ye reape:  
And speciallie where, ye doe trust for to see,de,  
let that be well vsed, the better to speede.

13 In Maie is good sowing, thy buck or thy branke,  
that black is as pepper, and smelleth so ranke:  
It is to thy land, as a comfort or mucke,  
and all things it maketh, as fat as a buck.

14 Sowe buck after barlie, or after thy wheat,  
a peck to a rood, if the measure be great,  
Thre earths see ye giue it, and sowe it aboue,  
and harrowe it finelie, if bucke ye doe loue.

15 Who pescods would gather, to haue with the last,  
to serue for his household, till haruest be past:  
Must sow them in Maie, in a corner ye shall,  
where through so late growing, no hindrance may fal.

sowing of  
flax & hemp. 16 Good flax and good hempe, for to haue of hir owne,  
in May a good huswife, will see it be sowne:  
And afterward trim it, to serue at a need,  
the fimble to spin, and the earle for hir seed.

17 Get into thy hopyard, for now it is time,  
to teach Robin hop, on his pole how to cline:  
To follow the sunne, as his propertie is,  
and weed him and trim him, if aught go amis.

18 Grasse, thistle, and mustard seed, heinblocke and bur,  
tine, mallow and nettle, that keepe such a stir:  
With peacock and turkie, that nibbles off top,  
are verie ill neighbours, to seele poore hop.

19 From wheat go and rake out, the titters or tine,  
if eare be not forth, it will rise againe fine:  
Use now in thy rie, little raking or none,  
breake tine from his rote, and so let it alone.

weeding of  
quickset. 20 Banks newlie quicksetted, some weeding do craue,  
the kindlier nourishment, thereby for to haue:  
Then after a shewer, to weeding a snatch,  
more easilie weed, with the root to dispatch.



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- 21 The fen and the quannire, so marish by kind,  
and are to be drained, now win to thy minde:  
Which yearly vndrained, and suffred vncut,  
annoiethe the medowes, that thereon do but.
- 22 Take heed to thy bees, that are readie to swarme,  
the losse thereof now, is a crownes worth of harme:  
Let skilfull be readie, and dilligence seeke,  
least being too carelesse, thou lovest thy beene.
- 23 In Maie at the furthest, twisallow thy land,  
much drount may else after, cause plough for to stand:  
This tilth being done, ye haue passed the worst,  
then after who ploweth, plow thou with the first.
- 24 Twisallow once ended, get tumbrell and man,  
and compass that fallow, as soone as ye can:  
Let skilfull bestow it, where need is vpon,  
more profit the sooner, to follow thereon.
- 25 Hide hedlonds with muck, if ye will to the knees,  
so dripped and shadowed, with bushes and trees:  
Bare plots full of gales, if ye plow ouerthwart,  
and compasse it then, is a hus bandlie part.
- 26 Let children be hired, to laie to their bones,  
from fallow as needeth, to gather vp stones:  
What wil dome for profit, aduiseeth vnto,  
that hus band and huswife, must willinglie do.
- 27 To grasse with thy calues, in some medow plot neere  
where neither their mothers, may see them nor heere:  
Where water is plentie, and barth to sit warme,  
and looke well vnto them, for taking of harme.
- 28 Pinch neuer thy wennes, of water or meat,  
if euer ye hope, for to haue them good neat:  
In summer time dailie, in winter in frost,  
if cattell lack drinke, they be vtterlie lost.
- 29 For coueting much, ouerlaie not thy ground,  
and then shall thy cattell be lustie and sound:  
But pinch them of pasture, while summer dooth last,  
and list at their talleys, yer a winter be past,

swarming  
of bees

Let not cat  
tell want  
water.

30 Get



## Iunes abstract.

Husbandry  
for citizens

30 Get home with thy fewell, made readie to fet,  
the sooner the easier, carriage to get:  
Or otherwise linger, the carriage thereon,  
till (where as ye left it) a quarter be gon.

31 His siring in summer, let cittizen buie,  
least buteng in winter, make pursse for to crie:  
For carman and collier, harps both on a string,  
in winter they cast, to be with thee to bring.

32 From Maie to mid August, an hower or two,  
let patch sleepe a snatch, how soeuer ye doo:  
Though sleeping one houre, refresheth his song,  
yet trust not Hob growthed, for sleeping too long:

33 The knowledge of stilling, is one pretie feat,  
the waters be holosome, the charges not great:  
What timelie thou gettest, while summer dooth last,  
thinke winter will helpe thee, to spend it as fast.

34 Fine basill desireth, it may be hir lot,  
to grow as a gilcflower, trim in a pot:  
That ladies and gentils, for whom ye doo serue,  
may helpe hir as needeth, poze life to preserue.

35 Keepe ore from thy cow, that to profit would goe,  
least cow be deceiued, by ore doing so:  
And thou recompensed, for suffering the same,  
with want of a calfe, and cow to war lame.

Thus endeth Maies husbandry.

## ¶ Iunes Abstract.

Chap. 41.

W Ash sheepe for to share, 5 Plow erlie ye may,  
as sheepe may go bare. and then carrie haie.

2 Though fleese ye take,  
no patches make,

3 Share lambs no whit,  
or share not yet.

4 If medow be grown,  
let medow be moton.

6 tis good to be knowne  
to haue all thine owne,  
Who goeth a borrowing,  
goeth a sorowling.

7 See cart in plight,  
and all things right.

8 Make

## Iunes husbandrie.

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- 8 Make drie ouerhed,  
both hough and shed.
- 9 Of hough make stack,  
for pease on his backe.
- 10 In champion some,  
wants elbow room.
- 11 Let wheat and rie,  
in house lie drie.
- 12 Bute turfe and sedge,  
or else breake hedge,
- 13 Good storehouse needefull,  
well ordered speedfull
- 14 Thy barnes repaire,  
make flower faire.
- 15 Such shrubs as noy,  
in summer destroy
- 16 Swing brembles & brakes,  
get forks and rakes.
- 17 Spare hedlonds some,  
till haruest come.
- 18 Cast ditch and pond,  
to laie vpon lond.

### A lesson of hop- yard

- 19 Where hops will growe,  
here learne to know.  
Hops mantle will come  
in a rood of roome.
- 20 Hops hate the land,  
with grauell & sand,
- 21 The rotten mould,  
for hop is worth gold.
- 22 The sun southwell,  
for hepyard is best.
- 23 Hop plot once found,  
now dig the ground.
- 24 Hops sauoureth malt,  
hops thrist death exalt,  
Of hops more reed,  
as time shall need.

Thus endeth Iunes abstract  
agraying with Iunes hus-  
bandry.

## ¶ Iunes husbandry.

Chap. 42.

Calme weather in Iune,  
Corne sets in tune.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**W**ash sheep for the better, where water dooth runne,  
and let him go clenly, and drie in the sunne:

Then share him and spare not, at two daies an ende,  
the sooner the better, his corps will amend.

2 Reward not thy sheepe, when ye take off his cote,  
with twitches and patches, as brode as a groat:

Let not such vngentlenesse happen to thine,  
least flie with hir gentils, doe make it to pine.

3 Let



## Iunes husbandrie.

3 Let lambs go unclipped, till Iune be halfe woꝛne,  
the better the fleeces, will grow to be shorne:

The Die will discharge thee, for pulling the rest,  
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

4 If medow be forward, be mowing of some,  
but now as the makers, may well overcome:

Take heed to the weather, the wind and the skie,  
if danger approacheth, then cocke apace crie.

5 Plough earlie till ten a clocke, then to thy haie,  
in plowing and carting, so profit ye may:

By little and little, thus doing ye win,  
that plough shall not hinder, when haruest comes in.

6 Provide of thine owne, to haue all things at hand,  
least worke and the workman, vncoccupide stande:

Loue seldome to borrow, that thinkest to saue,  
for he that once lendeth, twise looketh to haue.

7 Let cart be well searched, without and within,  
well clowted and greased, yer hay time begin:

Thy hay being caried, though carter had swoꝛne  
carts border well boarded, is sauing of corne.]

8 Good husbands that laie, to saue all things vpight,  
for tumbrels and cart, haue a shed readie dight:

Where vnder the hog, may in winter lie warme,  
to stand so inclosed, and wind doe no harme.

9 So likewise a houell, wil serue for a rcome,  
to stacke on the pease, when haruest shall come:

And serue thee in winter, moreouer than that,  
to shut vp thy porklings, thou meanest to fat.

10 Some barnrome haue little, and yardrom as much  
yet corne in the field, apperteineth to such:

Then houels and rikes, they are forced to make,  
abroad or at home, for necessities sake.

11 Make sure of breadcorne, of all other graine,  
lie drie and wel looked too, for moule and for raine:

Though fitches and pease, and such other as they,  
for pestring too much, on a houell ye laie.

Ahouell is  
set vppon  
crotches &  
couered  
with poles  
and straw.



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- 12 With whins or with furzes, thy houell renew,  
for turffe and for sedge, for to bake and to brew:  
For charcole and seacole, as also for thacke,  
for tall wood and billet, as peerele ye lacke.
- 13 What hus bandly hus bands, except they be fowles,  
but handsome haue storehouse, for trinkets and tooles:  
And all in good order, fast locked to lie,  
what euer is needfull, to find by and by.
- 14 Thy houses and barnes, would be looked vpon,  
and all things amended, yer haruest come on:  
Things thus set in order, in quiet and rest,  
shall further thy haruest, and please thee best.
- 15 The bushes and thorne, with the shrubs that doe noy,  
in woodlere or summer, cut downe to destroy,  
But where as decaille, to the tree ye will none,  
for danger in woodlere, let hacking alone.
- 16 At midsummer downe with the brymbles and brakes,  
and after abroad, with thy forkes and thy rakes:  
Set mowers a mowing, where medow is growne,  
the longer now standing, the worse to be mowne.
- 17 Now downe with the grasse, vpon hedlonds about,  
that groweth in shadow, so ranke and so stout:  
But grasse vpon hedlond, of barlie and pease,  
when haruest is ended, go mowe if ye please.
- 18 Such muddie deepe ditches, and pits in the field,  
that all a drie summer, no water will yeld:  
By sieng and casting, that mud vpon heapes,  
commodities manie, the hus bandman reapes.

The hus-  
bandly store  
house.

### A lesson where and when to plant *good Hopyard.*

- 19 Whom fantasie perswadeth, among other crops,  
to haue for his spending, sufficient of hops:  
Must willinglie follow, of choiles to choose,  
such lessons approued, as skilfull doe vse.



## Iulies Abstract.

Naught for  
hops.

20 Ground grauellie, sandie, and mixed with clay,  
is naughtie for hops, anie manner of waie:  
Or if it be mingled with rubbish and stone,  
for drynesse and barrenesse, let it alone.

Good for  
hops.

21 Choose soile for the hop, of the rottenest mould,  
well dunged and wrought, as a garden plot should:  
Not far from the water (but not overflowne,  
this lesson well noted, is meet to be knowne.

22 The sun in the south, or else southlie and west,  
is ioy to the hop, as a welcommed ghest:  
But wind in the north, or else northerlie east,  
to hop is as ill, as a fray in a feast.

23 Meet plot for a hopyard, once found as is told,  
make thereof account, as of iewel of gold:  
Now dig it and leaue it, the summe for to burne,  
and afterward sence it, to serue for that turne.

The praise  
of hops

24 The hop for his profit, I thus doe exalt,  
it strengtheneth drinke, and it fauoureth malt:  
And being well brewed, long kept it will last,  
and drawing abide, if ye draw not too fast.

## Iulies Abstract.

Chap. 43.

**G**ods and a waie,  
to ted and make hay.  
If stormes draw nie,  
then cocke apace crie.

2 Let haie still abide,  
till well it be drie.  
Hay made a waie carrie,  
no longer then tarrie.

3 Who best waie fitheth,  
he best waie thurseth.

4 two good haymakers,  
worth twentie crakers.

5 Let dallops about,  
be mowne and had out.  
See hay doe lake green,  
see field ye rake cleene.

6 Thy fallow I prate thee,  
least thistles bewray thee

7 Cut of good wife,  
ripe beane with a kniffe.

8 Ripe hempe out cull,  
from carle to pull,  
let seed hempe grow,  
till moze ye knowe.

9 Drie

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9 Die flar get in,  
for spinners to spin.  
Now mow or pluck,  
thy branke or buck.

10 Some worme to saue,  
for March to haue.

11 Marke physick frum  
of wormewood and rue.  
Get grist to the mill,  
for wanting at will.  
Thus endeth Iulies abstract,  
agreeing with Iulies husbandry.

## Iulies husbandry.

Chap. 44.

No tempest good Iulie,  
Least corne looke rulle,

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**G**omuster thy seruants, be captaine thy selfe,  
prouiding them weapon, and other like pelfe:  
Get bottles and wallets, keepe field in the heat,  
the feare is as much, as the danger is great.

Hay har-  
uest.

2 With tossing and raking, and setting on cor,  
grasse latelie in swathes, is meat for an ore:  
That doone go and cart it, and haue it awaie,  
the battell is fought, ye haue gotten the daie.

3 Pay iustlie thy tithes, whatsoeuer thou be,  
that God may in blessing, send foizon to thee:  
Though vicar be bad, or the parson euill,  
go not for thy tithing thy selfe to the diuell.

Pay thy  
tithes.

4 Let hay be well made, or arise else auous,  
for moulding in mow, or of firing thy house:  
Lay coursest aside, for the ore and the cow,  
the finest for sheepe, and thy gelding allow.

5 Then downe with thy hedlonds, that groweth about,  
leauie neuer a dallop, vnmowne and had out:  
Though grasse be but thin, about barlie and pease,  
yet picked vp cleane, ye shall find therein ease.

6 Thy fallow betime, for destroing of weed,  
least thistle and docke, fall a blooming and seed:  
Such season may chance, it shal stand thee vpon,  
to till it againe, yet a summer be gon.

Thy fall-  
owing.

7 Not



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Gathering  
of garden  
beans.

7 Not rent off but cut off, ripe beane with a knife,  
for hindering stalke, of hir vegetiue life:

So gather the lowest, and leauing the top,  
shall teach thee a tricke, for to double thy crop.

8 While pluck fro thy seed hempe, the simble hempe cleen,  
this looketh more yellow, the other more green:

Use one for thy spinning, leaue michell the tother,  
for shoo thread and halter, for rope and such other.

9 Now pluck vp thy flax, for thy maidens to spin,  
first see it dyed, and timelye got in:

And mowe vp the branke, and alway with it dye,  
and house it vp close, out of danger to lie.

10 While wormwood hath seed, get a handfull or twain,  
to saue against March, to make flea to refraine:

Where chambers is sweeped, and wormwood is strown  
no flea for his life, dare abide to be knowne.

11 What sauor is better, if physicke be true,  
for places infected, than wormwood and rue:

It is as a comfort, for hart and the braine,  
and therefore to haue it, it is not in vaine.

12 Get grist to the mill, to haue plentie in store,  
least miller lacke water, as manie doe more:

The meale the more yeldeth, if seruant be true,  
and miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

Thus endeth Julies husbandry.

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Chap. 45.

Thy fallow woon,  
get compasse down.

2 In June and in Awe,  
swinge brakes for a lawe.

3 Pare saffron plot,  
forget it not.

His dwelling made trim,  
looke shortlye for him.

When harvest is gon,  
then saffron comes on.

4 A little of ground,  
brings saffron a pound,  
The pleasure is fine,  
the profit is thine.

Kepe colour in dyeng,  
well bled worth buyeng.

5 Paids



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- 5 Maids mustard seed reape,  
and laie on a heape.
- 6 Good neighbour indeed,  
change seed for seed.
- 7 Blow strike vpon drum,  
come haruest man come.  
take paine for gaine,  
one knaue mars twaine.
- 8 Reape corne by the daie,  
least corne do decaie.  
By great is the cheaper,  
if trustie were reaper.
- 9 Blow borne for sleepers,  
and cheare vppre thy reapers.
- 10 Well doing thou louest,  
these haruest points prouest.
- 11 Pay Gods part first,  
and not of the wurst,
- 12 Now parson (I saie)  
tieth carrie a waie.
- 13 Keepe cart gap weele,  
scare hog from wheele.
- 14 Nowe hatome to burne,  
to serue thy turne.  
to bake thy bread,  
to burne vnder lead.
- 15 Nowe hatome being dyle,  
no longer let lie.  
Get home thy hatome,  
whilst weather is calme.
- 16 Nowe barlie lesse cost,  
ill mowne much lost.
- 17 Reape barlie with sickle,  
that lies in ill pickle.
- Let greenest stand,  
for making of band.  
Bands made without dew,  
will hold but a few.
- 18 Laie bands to find hir,  
two rakes to a binder.
- 19 Rake after sith,  
and pate thy tith.  
Corne carried all,  
then rake it ye shall.
- 20 Let thocke take wheate,  
least gose take heat.  
Yet it is best reason,  
to take it in season.
- 21 More often ye turne,  
more pease ye out spurne,  
yet winnow them in,  
per cariage begin.
- 22 Thy carting plie,  
while weather is dry.
- 23 Bid gouing clim,  
goue iust and trim,  
Late wheate for seed,  
to come by at need.  
Seed barlie cast,  
to thresh out last.
- 24 Lay pease vpon stacke,  
if houell ye lacke.  
And couer it straight,  
from doves that waight.
- 25 Let gleaners gleane,  
(the poore I meane)  
Which ever ye solve,  
that first eat lowe.  
The other forbear,  
for rowen to spare.

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26 Come



- 26 Come home lord singing,  
come home corne bringing.  
tis merrie in hall,  
when beards wag all.
- 27 Once had thy desire,  
pate workeman his hier.  
Let none be begild,  
man, woman, or child.
- 28 Thanke God ye shall,  
and adue for all.
- Works after haruest.
- 29 Get tumbrell in hand,  
for thy barlie land.
- 30 The better the mucke,  
the better good lucke.
- 31 Still carlage is good,  
for timber and wood,  
No longer delays,  
to mend the high waies.
- 32 Some loue as a fetwell,  
well placing of fetwell.
- 33 In piling of logs,  
make houell for hogs.
- 34 Wise plow doth erie,  
to picking of rie.
- 35 Such seed as ye sowe,  
such reape or else mowe.
- 36 take shipping or ride,  
lent stiffe to prouide.
- 37 Let haberden lie,  
in pease straw drie.
- 38 When out ye ride,  
leau a good guide.
- 39 Some profit spie out,  
by riding about:  
Marke now through yeare,  
what cheape what deare.
- 40 Some skill doth well,  
to buie and to sell.  
Of these who bieth,  
in danger lieth.
- 41 Commodity knowne,  
abroad is blowne.
- 42 At first hand bie,  
at third let lie.
- 43 Haue money prest,  
to buie at the best.
- 44 Some cattell home bring,  
for Michelmass spring,  
By hauke and hound,  
small profit is found.
- 45 Dispatch loke home,  
to loitering mome.  
Prouide or repent,  
mischance for lent.
- 46 Now crone your sheepe,  
fat those ye keepe.  
Leau milking olde cowe,  
fat aged by now.
- 47 Sell butter and cheese,  
good faires few lese,  
At faires go ble,  
home wants to supply.
- 48 If hops looke browne,  
go gather them downe,  
But now in the dew,  
for plding with few.

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49 Of hops this knacke,  
a meane do lacke.  
Once had thy will,  
go couer his hill.

50 Take hop to thy dole,  
but breake not his pole,

51 Learne here (thou stranger) 54  
to frame hop manger.

52 Hop poles preserve,  
again to serue.  
Hop poles by and by,  
long safe vp to drie.  
Least poles wax scant,  
new poles go plant.

53 The hop well drie,  
will best abide.  
Hops dried in lost,  
aske tendance oft.  
And shed their seeds,  
much more than needs.

54 Hops drie small cost,  
ill kept halfe lost.  
Hops quicklie be spilt,  
take heed if thou wilt.

55 Some come some go  
this life is so.

Thus endeth Augusts abstract,  
agreeing with Augusts hus-  
bandry.

## Augusts husbandry.

Chap. 46.

Drie August and warme,  
Dooth haruest no harme.

Forgotten month past,  
Doo now at the last.

**T**hy fallow once ended, go strike by and by,  
both wheat land and barlie, and so let it lie:  
And as ye haue leisure, go compasse the same,  
when vp ye doo laie it, more fruitfull to frame.

2 Get downe with thy brakes, yer any shepers doo come,  
that cattell the better, may pasture haue some:

In Iune and in August, as well dooth appere,  
is best to mowe brakes, of all times in the yeere.

3 Dore saffron betwene the two S. Maries daies,  
or set or go shift it, that knowest the waies:

What yeere shall I doo it (more profit to yeeld)  
the fourth in the garden, the thirde in the field.

4 In haying but fortye foot, workmanlie dight,  
take saffron inough, for a lord and a knight:

All winter time after, as practise dooth teach,  
what plot haue ye better, for linnen to bleach.

Daring of  
saffron.

Huswifery

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5 Halds



## Augusts husbandry.

- 5 **M**aides mustard seed gather, for being to ripe,  
and weather it well, ver ye giue it a stripe:  
Then dresse it, and lay it in sollar by sweet,  
least foistenesse make it for table vnnmeet.
- 6 **G**ood huswines in summer, will saue their owne seedes,  
against the next yeare, as occasion needs:  
One seed for another, to make an exchange,  
with fellowlie neighbourhood, seemeth not strange.
- 7 **M**ake sure of reapers, get haruest in hand,  
the corne that is ripe, doth but shed as it stand:  
Be thankfull to God, for his benefit sent,  
and willing to saue it, with earnest intent.
- Champion** 8 **T**o let out thy haruest, by great or by daie,  
by great, the other by day.  
let this by experience, lead thee the waie:  
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out,  
by day will dispatch, and put all out of dout.
- 9 **G**rant haruest lord more, by a penie or two,  
to call on his fellowes, the better to doo:  
Giue gloues to thy reapers, a larges to crie,  
and dailie to lofterers, haue a good eie.
- Good har** 10 **R**eape well, scatter not, gather cleane that is shorne,  
uest points.  
bind fast, shooke apace, haue an eie to thy corne:  
Lode safe, carrie home, follow time being faire,  
goue iust in the barne, it is out of despaire.
- 11 **T**ith dulle and trulle, with hartie good will,  
that God and his blessing, may dwell with thee still:  
Though parson neglecteth, his dutie for this,  
thanke thou thy Lord God, and giue euerie man his.
- 12 **C**orne tithed (sir parson) to gather go get,  
and cause it on shocks, to be by and by set:  
Not leauing it scattering, abroad on the ground,  
nor long in the field, but away with it round.
- 13 **T**o cart gap and barne, set a guide to looke wæle,  
and hoy out sir carter, the hog fro thy wheele:  
Least greedie of feeding, in following cart,  
it noleth or perisheth, spight of thy hart.



14 In champion countrie, a pleasure they take,  
to mowe vp their hawme, for to brew and to bake:  
And also it stands them, in stead of their thacke,  
which being well inned, they cannot well lacke.

15 The hawme is the straw, if the wheat or the rie,  
which once being reaped, they mowe by and by:  
For feare of destroying, with cattell or raine,  
the sooner ye load it, more profit ye gaine.

16 The mowing of barlie, if barlie doe stand,  
is cheapest and best, for to rid out of hand:  
Some mowe it, and rake it, and set it on cocks,  
some mowe it and binds it, and set it on shocks.

17 Of barlie the longest, and greenest ye find,  
leauie standing by dallops, till time ye doe bind:  
Then earlie in morning (while dew is thereon)  
to making of bands, till the dew be all gone.

18 One spreadeth those bands, so in order to lie,  
as barlie (in swathes) may fill it thereby.  
Which gathered vp, with the rake and the hand,  
the follower after them, bindeth in band.

19 Where barlie is raked (if dealing be true)  
the tenth of such raking, to parson is due:  
Where scattering of barlie, is seene to be much,  
there custome nor conscience, tything should grutch.

20 Corne being had downe (any waie ye allow)  
should wither as needeth, for burning in mow:  
Such skill appertaineth, to haruest mans art,  
and taken in time, is a husbandlie part.

21 No turning of peason, till carriage ye make,  
nor turne in no more, then ye mind for to take,  
Least beaten with shewers, so turned to drie,  
by turning and tossing, they shed as they lie.

22 If weather be faire, and tidie thy graine,  
make speedilie carriage, for feare of a raine:  
For tempest and showers, deceiueth a manie,  
and lingring lubbers, loose manie a penie.

Spreding  
of barlie  
bands.  
Tyth of  
rakings



## Augusts husbandry.

23 In gouing at haruest, learne skillfullie how,  
each graine for to laie, by it selfe on a mow:

Seed barlie the purest, goue out of the waie,  
all other nigh hand, goue as lust as ye may.

24 Stacke pease vpon houell, abroad in the yard,  
to couer it quicklie, let owner regard:

Least doue and the cadow, there finding a smack,  
with ill stormie weather, doe perish thy stack.

25 Corne carried, let such as be pooze go and gleane,  
and after thy cattell, to mouth it vp cleane:

Then spare it for rowen, till Michell be past,  
to lengthen thy dairie, no better thou hast.

26 In haruest time haruest folke, seruants and all,  
should make altogether, good cheere in the hall:

And fill out the blacke boll, of bleith to their song,  
and let them be merrie, all haruest time long.

Pay true  
by haruest  
folke

27 Once ended thy haruest, let none be begild,  
please such as did please thee, man, woman, and child:  
Thus doing, with alwaie such helpe as they can,  
thou winnest the praise, of the labouring man.

Thanke  
god for al.

28 Now looke vp to Godward, let tong neuer cease,  
in thanking of him, for his mightie increase:

Accept my good will, for a proofoe goe and trie,  
the better thou thriuest, the gladder am I.

## Works after haruest.

29 Now carrie out compas, when haruest is don,  
where barlie thou sowest, my champion sonne:

O lay it on heape, in the field as ye may,  
till carriage be faire, to haue it a waie.

30 Whose compas is rotten, and caried in time,  
and spread as it should be, thursts ladder may cline:

Whose compasse is paltrie, and caried too late,  
such husbandry bleseth, that manie doe hate.

31 Per winter pzeuenteth, while weather is good,  
for galling of pasture, get home with thy wood:

And



And carrie out grauell, to fill vp a hole,  
both timber and furzin, the turfe and the cole.

32 Houe charcole and sedge, chip and cole of the land,  
pile tal wood and billet, stacke all that hath hand:  
Blotks, roots, pole and bough, set vp right to the tetch,  
the nearer more hand some, in winter to fetch.

33 In stacking of bauen, and piling of logs,  
make vnder thy bauen, a houell for hogs:  
And warinellie inclose it, all sawing the mouth,  
and that to stand open, and full to the south.

34 Once haruest dispatched, get wenches and boies,  
and into thy barne, before all other toies:  
Choised seed to be picked, and trimlie well side,  
for seed may no longer, from threashing abide.

35 Get seed aforehand, in a readines had,  
or better prouide, if thine owne be too bad:  
Be carefull of seed, or else such as ye sowe,  
be sure at haruest, to reape or to mowe.

36 When haruest is ended, take shipping or ride,  
ling, saltfish and herring, for Lent to prouide:  
To buy it at first, as it cometh to rode,  
shall pay for thy charges, thou spendest abroad.

Provision  
for Lent.

37 Choose skilfully saltfish, not burnt at the stone,  
buy such as be good, or else let it alone:  
Get home that is bought, and go stack it vp dyle,  
with peale straw betwene it, the safer to lie.

38 Per euer ye iournie, cause seruant with speed,  
to compasse thy barlie land, where it is neede:  
One aker well compassed, passeth some three,  
thy barne shall at haruest, declare it to thee.

39 This lesson is learned, by riding about,  
the prizes of vittels, the yeare throughout:  
Both what to be selling, and what to refrain  
and what to be buying, to bring in a gaine.

40 Though buying and selling, dooth wonderfull well,  
to such as haue skill, how to buye and to sell:



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Pet chopping and changing, I cannot commend,  
with thæse of his marrow, for feare of ill end.

41 The rich in his bargaining, needs not be taught,  
of buier and seller, full farre is he sought:

Pet herein consisteth a part of my text,  
who buieth at first hand, and who at the next.

Buieng  
at first  
hand

42 At first hand he buieth, that paieþ all downe,  
at second that hath not so much in the towne:

At third hand he buieth, that buieth of trust,  
at his hand who buieth, shall paie for his lust.

Ready  
money bui  
eth/best  
cheape.

43 As oft as ye bargaine, for better or worse,  
to buie it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purse:

Touch kept is commended, pet credit to keepe,  
is pay and dispatch him, yer euer ye sleepe.

44 Be mindfull abroad of a Michaelmas spring,  
for thereon dependeth a hus handlie thing:

Though some haue a pleasure, with hauke vppon hand,  
good hus bands get treasure, to purchase their land.

45 Thy market dispatched, turne home againe rounde,  
least gaping for penie, thou loosest a pound:

Provide for thy wife, or else looke to be shent,  
good milchcow for winter, another for Lent.

46 In traouelling homeward, buie fortie good crones,  
and fat vp the bodles of such seelie bones:

Leaue milking, and drie vp ould mullie thy cow,  
the crooked and aged, to fattening put now.

47 At Bartilmewtide, or at Sturbridge faire,  
buie that as is needfull, thy house to repaire:

Then sell to thy profit, both butter and cheese,  
who buieth it sooner the more he shall leese.

Hops ga-  
thering.

48 If hops doe looke brownish, then are ye to slow,  
if longer ye suffer, those hops for to growe:

Now sooner ye gather, more profit is found,  
if weather be faire, and deaw of the ground.

49 Not breake off, but cut off, from hop the hop string,  
leaue growing a little, againe for to spring:

Whose



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Whose hill about pared, and therewith new clad,  
shall nourish more sets, against March to be had.

50 Hop hillock discharged of euerie let,  
see then without breaking, ech pole ye out get:  
Which being intangled, aboue in the tops,  
go carrie to such, as are plucking of hops.

The order of  
hops gathering.

51 Take soutage or haire (that couers the kell)  
set like to a manger, and fastened well:  
With poles vpon crotches, as hie as the best,  
for sauing and riddance, is husbandle best.

52 Hops had, the hop poles that are likeliest to serue,  
(from breaking and rotting) againe for to serue:  
And plant ye with Alders, or willowes a plot,  
where yerlie as needeth, mo poles may be got.

53 Some skillfullie drieth, their hops on a kell,  
and some on a sollar, oft turning them well:  
Kell dried will abide, foule weather and faire,  
where drieng and lieng, in lost doo despaire

Keeping  
of hops.

54 Some close them vp drie, in a hogshed or fat,  
yet canuas or soutage, is better than that:  
By drieng and lieng, they quicklie be spilt,  
thus much haue I shewed, doo now as thou wilt.

55 Old farmer is forced, long August to make,  
his goods at more leisure, awaie for to take:  
New farmer thinketh, each hower a day,  
vntill the old farmer, be packing awaie.

Thus endeth and holdeth out Augusts husbandry  
till Michellmas Eue.

Tho. Tusser.

• \* Corne haruest equally diuided  
into ten parts. Chap. 47.

- 1 One part cast forth, for rent due out of hand,
- 2 One other part, for seed to sow the land.
- 3 Another part, leaue parson for his tyth,
- 4 Another part, for harness sickle and syth,

5 One



For nape  
rie, sope &  
cable, salt  
& sawce,  
tinker &  
copper,  
brasse and  
pewter.

## Mans age deuided.

- 5 One part for ploughwite, cartwite, knacker and smith.
- 6 One part to vphold thy ieremics that draw there with.
- 7 Another part for seruant and workmans wages late.
- 8 One part likewise for filbellie date by date.
- 9 One part thy wise for needfull things doth craue.
- 10 Thy selfe and thy child the last part would haue.

Who mindes to quote,  
vpon this note,  
may easilie find inough:  
What charge and paine,  
to little gaine,  
doth follow toiling plough.

Yet farmer may,  
thanke God and say,  
for ycerelie such good hap,  
Well fare the plough,  
that sends inough,  
to stop so great a gap.

A brieft conclusion, where you may see,  
Ech word in the vearse, to begin with a T.

Chap. 48.

Time for  
contrie.

The thristle that teacheth the thriuing to thriue,  
Death timelie to trauesse the thing that thou trine.  
Transferring thy toiling, to timeliness tought,  
This teacheth thee temprance, to temper thy thought.  
Take trustie (to trust to) that thinkest to thriue,  
That trustilie thristinelle, trowleth to thee,  
Then temper thy trauell to farrie the tide,  
This teacheth thee thristinelle, twentie times tride.  
Take thankfull thy talent, thanke thankfullie those,  
That thristilie teacheth, thy time to transpose,  
Troth twise to thee teacheth, teach twentie times ten,  
This trade that thou takest, take thrist to thee then.

¶ Mans age deuided here you haue,  
By prentiships from birth to graue.

Chap. 49.

- 7 The first seuen yeeres, bring up as a child,
- 14 The next to learning, for waxing too wilde.
- 21 The next keepe vnder, sir hobbarde de hoy,
- 28 The next a man, no longer a boy.

35 The



- 35 The next, let luffie late wiselie to wile,  
 42 The next, lay now or else neuer to thriue:  
 49 The next, make sure for tearme of thy life,  
 56 The next, saue somewhat for children and wise,  
 63 The next, be staide giue ouer thy lust.  
 70 The next, thinke hourely whither thou must,  
 77 The next, get chaire and crotches to stay,  
 84 The next, to heauen God send vs the waie.

Who loseth their youth, shall rue it in age,  
 Who hateth the truth, in sorrow shall rage,

¶ Another deuision of the nature  
 of mans age.

Cap. 50.

The Ape, the Lion, the Fox, the Asse,  
 Thus sets forth man, as in a glasse.

Ape Like Apes we be toyeng, till twentie and one,  
 Lion Then hastie as Lions, till fortie be gone:  
 Foxe Then wylie as Foxes, till threescore and thre,  
 Asse Then after for Asses, accounted we be.

Who plaies with his bet ter, this lesson must know,  
 what humblenes for to the Lion dooth shew:  
 For, Ape with his toing, and rudenesse of Asse,  
 brings (out of god hower) displeasure to passe.

Comparing good husband, with vntbrist his brother  
 The better discerneth, the tone from the tother.

Chap. 51.

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| <p><b>A</b> husbandry baggeth,<br/>         to go with the best:<br/>         Good husbandrie baggeth,<br/>         vp gold in his chest.</p> | <p>3 All husbandry spendeth,<br/>         abroad like a mome:<br/>         Good husbandry fendeth,<br/>         his charges at home.</p>            |
| <p>2 All husbandry trudgeth,<br/>         with vntbrists about:<br/>         Good husbandrie snudgeth,<br/>         for feare of a dout.</p>  | <p>4 All husbandrie selleth,<br/>         his corne on the ground:<br/>         Good husbandrie imelleth,<br/>         no gaine that way found.</p> |

5 All



## A comparison betweene

5 Ill hus bandy looseth,  
for lacke of good fenie:  
Good hus bandy closeth  
and gaineth the pense.

6 Ill hus bandy trusteth,  
to him and to hir:  
Good hus bandy lusteth,  
himselfe for to stir.

7 Ill hus bandy eateth,  
himselfe out of doore:  
Good hus bandy eateth,  
himselfe and the poore.

8 Ill hus bandy daileth,  
or letteth it lie:  
Good hus bandy worketh,  
the cheaper to buie.

9 Ill hus bandy lurketh,  
and stealeth a sleep  
Good hus bandy worketh,  
his household to keepe.

10 Ill hus bandy liueth,  
by that and by this:  
Good hus bandy giueth,  
to erie man his.

11 Ill hus bandy taketh,  
and spendeth vp all:  
Good hus bandy maketh,  
good shift with a small.

12 Ill hus bandy praieth,  
his wife to make shift:  
Good hus bandy saith,  
take this of my gift.

13 Ill hus bandy drowleth  
at fortune so auke:  
Good hus bandy rowleth,  
himselfe as a hauke.

14 Ill hus bandy lieth,  
in prison for debt:  
Good hus bandy spieth,  
where profit to get.

15 Ill hus bandy waies  
hath to fraud what he can:  
Good hus bandy praise  
hath of euerie man.

16 Ill hus bandy neuer,  
hath welth to keep touch:  
Good hus bandy euer,  
hath penie in pouch.

Good husband his boone,  
Or request hath a far:  
Ill husband as none,  
Hath a tode with an A.

A comparison betweene Champion countrie  
and senerall. Chap. 52.

The countrie inclosed I praise,  
the tother delighteth not me,  
For nothing the wealth it doth raise  
to such as inferiour be.  
Now both of them partlie I know,  
here somewhat I mind for to shewe.

2 There

Champion countrie and seuerall.

2 There swineherd that kepeth the hog,  
there neatheard with cur and his home,  
There shepheard with whistle and dog,  
be fense to the medowe and corne.

There horssle being tide on a balk:  
is ready with theefe for to walke.

3 Where all thing in common doo rest,  
come feeld with the pasture and mead,  
Though common ye doo for the best,  
yet what dooth it stand you in stead?  
There common as commoners vse,  
for otherwise shalt thou not chosse.

4 What laier much better than there,  
or cheper (thereon to doo well?)

What drudgerie more anye where,  
lesse good thereof where can ye tell:

What gotten by summer is seene:  
in winter is eaten vp cleene.

5 Example by Leicestershire,  
what soile can be better than that:

For any thing hart can desire,  
and yet dooth it want ye see what.  
Hast, couert, close, pasture & wood:  
and other things needfull as good.

6 All these doo enclosure bring,  
experience teacheth no lesse,  
I speake not to boast of the thing,  
but onely a troth to expresse.

Example (if doubt ye doo make:  
by Suffolke and Essex go take.

7 More plentie of mutton and beefe,  
corne, butter and cheese of the best,  
More wealth any where (to be bryefe)  
more people, more handsome and prest.

Where find ye? (go search any coast)  
than there where enclosure is most.

Enclosure

seuerall.

8 More



## A comparison betweene

8 More worke for the labouring man,  
as well in the towne as the feld,  
Of thereof deuise (if ye can)  
more profit what countries doe yeeld?  
More sildome where see ye the poore,  
go begging from doze vnto doze.

Champion  
countrey.

9 In Norffolke behold the despaire,  
of tillage too much to be borne,  
By drouers from faire vnto faire  
and others destroyng the corne  
By custome and couetous pates,  
by gaps and opening of gates.

10 What speake I of commoners by,  
with drawing all after a line,  
So noieng the corne as it lie,  
with cattell with connies and swine?  
When thou hast bestowed thy cost,  
looke halfe of the same to be lost.

11 The flocks of the lordes of the soile,  
doe perrelie the winter corne wrong,  
The same in a manner they spoile,  
with feeding so lowe and so long.  
And therefore that champion feeld,  
doth seldome good winter corne yeeld.

Champion  
spoillances

12 By Cambridge a towne I doe know,  
where many good husbands do dwel,  
Whose losses by lossels doth shewe,  
more here than is needfull to tell.  
Determine at court what they shall,  
performed is nothing at all.

13 The champion robbeth by night,  
and prowleth and filcheth by daie,  
Himselfe and his beaſt out of sight,  
both spoileth and maketh awaie.  
Not onely thy grasse but thy corne:  
both after and yet it be shorne.

Champion countrie and seuerall.

14 Prase bolt with thy pease he will haue,  
his household to feed and his hog:

Now stealeth he now will he craue  
and now will he cosen and cog.

In Bridewell a number be stript:  
lesse worthy than theefe to be whipt.

15 The ore boy as ill is as he,  
or worse if worse may be found,  
For spoiling from thine & from thee,  
of grasse and of corne on the ground.  
Lay neuer so well for to saue it,  
by night or by daye he will haue it.

16 What orchard vnrobbed escapes?  
or pullet dare walke in their iet?  
But homeward or outward (like apes)  
they count it their owne they can get.  
Lord, if ye doo take them, what sturs,  
how hold they together like burs.

17 For commons these commoners crie,  
inclosing they may not abide,  
Yet some be not able to bie,  
a cowe with a calfe by his side.  
Nor lay not to liue by their worke,  
but theeuishlie loiter and lurke.

18 The Lord of the towne is to blame,  
for these and for manie faults mo,  
For that he dooth know of the same,  
yet lets it unpunished go.

Such Lords il example doo giue:  
where varlets and drabs so may liue.

19 What footpaths are made and howe broad,  
annoiance to much to be borne,  
With horse and with cattel what rode,  
is made through euerie mans corne?  
Where champions ruleth the roff,  
there daily disorder is most.

20 Their



## A comparison betweene

20 Their sheepe when they driue for to wash,  
how carelesse such sheepe they doo guide?  
The farmer they leaue in the lash,  
with losses on euerie side.

Though any mans coine they doo bite:  
they will not allow him a mite.

21 What hunting and hanking is there?  
coine looking for sickle at hand,  
Acts lawles to doo without feare,  
how yere lie together they band.  
More harme to another will doo:  
than they would be done so vnto.

22 More profit is quieter founde,  
(where pastures in seuerall be:)

Of one sillie aker of ground,  
than champion maketh of thre.

Againe what a ioy it is knowne:  
when men may be bold with their owne:

23 The tone is commended for graine,  
yet bread made of beangs they doo eate,  
The tother for one lose hath twaine,  
of masslin, of rie, or of wheat.

The champion liueth full bare:  
when woodland full merie doo fare.

14 Tone giueth his coine in a dearth,  
to horse, sheepe and hog erie day,  
The tother giue cattell warme barth,  
and feed them with straw and with hay.  
Coine spent of the tone so in vaine:  
the tother dooth sell to his gaine.

25 Tone barefoot and ragged doo goe,  
and readie in winter to serue,  
When tother ye see doo not so,  
but hath that is needfull to serue.

Tone paine in a cottage dooth take,  
when tother trim bowers doo make.

Champion

seuerall.

Champion

seuerall.

## Of an enuious neighbour.

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One laieth for turlfe and for sedge,  
and hath it with wonderful suit,

Champlb

When tother in eyerie hedge,  
hath plentie of fwell and fruit.

Generall

Euils twentie times worser than these,  
enclosure quickly would ease.

27 In woodland the poore men that haue,  
scarfe fullie two akers of land,

Generall

More merilie liue, and doe saue,  
than tother with twentie in hand.

Yet paie they as much for the two,  
as tother for twentie must doe.

28 The labourer comming from thence,  
in woodland to worke any where,

(I warrant you) goeth not hence,  
to worke any more againe there.

If this same be true (as it is)

why gather they nothing of this?

29 The poore at inclosure dooth grutch,  
bicause of abuses that fall,

Least some man should haue but to much  
and some againe nothing at all.

If order might therein be found,  
what were to the seuerall ground.

## ¶ The description of an enuious and naughtie neighbour.

Chap. 54.

**A** Nenuious neighbour is easie to find,  
His cumbersome fetches, are seldome behind.  
His hatred procureth, from naughtie to worse,  
His friendship like Judas, that carried the purse.  
His head is a storehouse, with quarrels full fraught,  
His braine is vnquiet, till all come to naught.  
His memory pregnant, old ill to recite,  
His mind euer fixed, ech ill to requite.

H.I.

His



## Of a slanderous toong

His mouth full of venem, his lips out of frame,  
 His toong a false witnes, his friend to defame.  
 His eies be promoters, some trespass to spie,  
 His eares be as spials, alarum to crie.  
 His hands be as tyrants, reuenging ech thing,  
 His feet at thine elbow, as serpent to sting.  
 His breaſt full of rancor, like canker to freat,  
 His hart like a lion, his neighbour to eate.  
 His gate like a ſheepbiter, ſleering aſide,  
 His looke like a corcombe, vp puffed with pride.  
 His face made of braſſe, like a vice in a game,  
 His geſture like Dauius, whom Terence dooth name.  
 His brag as Therſites, with elbomes abroad,  
 His cheekes in his furie, ſhall ſwell like a tode.  
 His colour like aſhes, his cap in his eies,  
 His noſe in the aire, his ſnout in the ſkies.  
 His promiſe to truſt to, as ſlipperie as ice,  
 His credit much like to, the chance of the dice.  
 His knowledge or ſkill is in prating too much,  
 His companie ſhunned, and ſo be all ſuch.  
 His frienſhip is counterfet, ſeldome to truſt,  
 His doings unluckie, and euer vniuſt.  
 His fetch is to flatter, to get what he can,  
 His purpoſe once gotten, a pin for thee than.

## A ſonnet againſt a ſlanderous toong.

Chap. 54.

Dooth darnell good, among the flowrie wheat?  
 Doo thistles good, ſo thicke in fallow ſpide?  
 Doo tain. wormes good, that lurke where or ſhould eat?  
 Or ſucking Drones, in hiue where bees abide?  
 Doo hornets good, or theſe ſame biting gnats?  
 Foule ſwelling todes, what good by them is ſcene?  
 In hauſe well deckt, what good doo gnawing rats?  
 Or caſſing moles among the meadowes greene?  
 Dooth heauie newes, make glad the hart of man?  
 Or noiſome ſmels, what good dooth that to health?

Rols

Of wiuing and thriuing.

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Now once for all, what good (shew who so can)  
Doe stinging snakes, to this our common wealth?

No more good dooth, a peeuish slanderous teong,  
But hurts it selfe, and noies both old and yong.

A sonnet vpon the Authors first seuen  
yeeres seruice. Chap. 55

Seven times hath Ianus tane new yeare by hand,  
Seven times hath blustering March, blowne forth his poluoz  
To driue out Aprill buds, by sea and land,  
For minion May, to decke most trim with flowre.  
Seven times hath temperate Aer, like pageant plaid,  
And pleasant Aestas eke, hir flowers told:  
Seven times Autumnus heat hath bene delaid,  
With Hiemis boisterous blasts, and bitter cold.  
Seven times the thirteene moones haue changed hew,  
Seven times the Sunne his course hath gone about:  
Seven times ech bird, hir nest hath built anew,  
Since first time you to serue, I shoold out.

Still yours am I, though thus the time haue past,  
And trust to be, as long as life shall last.

Man minded for to thriue,  
must wiselie lay to wiue:  
What hap may thereby fall,  
here argued find ye shall.

¶ *The Authors dialog betweene two*  
Batchelers of wiuing and thriuing by Affirma-  
tion and Obiection. Chap. 56.

Affirmation.

Friend, where we met this other day,  
We heard one make his mone and say,  
Good Lord how might I thriue?  
We heard another answer him,  
Then make thee handsome, tricke and trim,  
And laie in time to wiue.

H. ii.

Obiection



## Of wiuing and thriuing.

Obiection

And what of that say you to me?  
 Doe you your selfe thinke that to be,  
 the best waie for to thriue:  
 If truth were trulie bolted out,  
 As touching thrist I stand in doubt,  
 If men were best to wiue.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for proue I can,  
 I haue but sildome seene that man,  
 Which could the waie to thriue:  
 Untill it was his happie lot,  
 To stay himselfe in some good plot,  
 and wisely then to wiue.

Obiection

And I am of another mind,  
 For by no reason can I finde,  
 how that way I should thriue:  
 For whereas now I spend a penie,  
 I should not then be quite with menie,  
 Through bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation

Not so, for now where thou dost spend,  
 Of this and that to no good end,  
 Which hindreth thee to thriue:  
 Such vaine expenses thou shouldst saue,  
 And daily then laie more to haue,  
 as others doe that wiue.

Obiection

Why then doe folke this prouerbe put,  
 The blacke or nere trade on thy fut,  
 If that waie were to thriue:  
 Hereout a man may scone picke forth,  
 few feeleth what a penie is worth,  
 Till such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chance as thou dost say,  
 This lesson therefore beare away,

Of wiuing and thriuing.

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If thereby thou wilt thriue:  
Looke yer thou leape, see yer thou go,  
It may be for thy profit so,  
For thee to laie to wiue.

Obiection.

It is too much we dailie heare,  
To wiue and thriue both in a yeere,  
As touching now to thriue:  
I know not heerein what to spie,  
But that there death small profit lie,  
to fansie for to wiue.

Affirmation

In deed the first yeere oft is such,  
That fondlie some bestoweth much,  
A let to them to thriue:  
Yet other mo may some be found,  
Which getteth many a faire pound,  
the same day that they wiue.

Obiection

I grant some getteth more that day,  
Than they can easilie beare awaie,  
Now needs then must they thriue?  
What gaineth such think ye by that?  
A little burthen you wot what,  
Through fondnesse for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Thou seemest blind as mo haue bin,  
It is not beautie bringeth in,  
The thing to make thee thriue:  
In womankind see that ye doo,  
Require of hir no gift but two,  
when as ye mind to wiue.

Obiection

But two say you? I pray you than,  
Shew those as brætely as you can  
If that may helpe to thriue:  
I weene we must conclude anon,  
Of those same twaine to want the ton,  
When as ye chance to wiue.

B.iii.

Affir-



Honestie  
and hus-  
wiferie.

## Of wiuing and thriuing.

Affirmation.

An honest huswife trust to me,  
Be thole same twaine I say to thee,  
That helpe so much to thriue:  
As honestie farre passeth gold,  
So huswiferie in yong and old,  
Do pleasure such as wiue.

Obiection.

The honestie indeed I grant,  
Is one good point the wife should haunt,  
To make hir husband thriue:  
But now faine would I haue you shoue,  
How shoul'd a man good huswife knowe,  
If once he hap to wiue?

Affirmation.

A huswife good betimes will rise,  
And order things in comely wise,  
Hir mind is set to thriue:  
Upon hir distaffe she will spin,  
And with hir needle she will win,  
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection

It is not idle going about,  
Nor all day pricking on a clout,  
Can make a man to thriue:  
Or if there be no other winning,  
But that the wife gets by hir spinning  
Small thrist it is to wiue.

Affirmation.

Some more than this yet do she shall,  
Although the stocke be verie small,  
yet will she helpe thee thriue:  
Laise thou to saue as wel as she  
And the thou shalt enriched be,  
When such thou hapst to wiue.

Obiection.

If she were mine I tell thee troth,  
Too much to trouble hir I were loth,

Of wiuing and thriuing.

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For greedines to thriue:

Least some should talke as is the speech,  
The good wifes husband weres no breach  
If such I hap to wiue,

Affirmation.

What hurts it thee what some do say,  
If honestlie she take the waie,  
To helpe thee for to thriue?

For honestie will make hir prest,  
To do the thing that shall be best  
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection

Why did Diogenes say than,  
To one that askt of him time whan,  
Were best to wiue to thriue?

Not yet (quoth he) if thou be yong,  
If thou war old then hold thy tong,  
It is too late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belske he knew some shrewish wife,  
Which with hir husbād made such strife  
That hindered them to thriue:  
Who then may blame him for that clause,  
though then he spake as some had cause,  
As touching for to wiue?

Obiection

Why then I see to take a shrew,  
(As seldome other there be fewe)

Is not the waie to thriue:  
So hard a thing I spie it is,  
The good to chuse, the shrew to mis,  
That fear t' me to wiue.

Affirmation

She may in some thing seeme a shrew,  
Yet such a huswife as but few,  
To helpe thee for to thriue:  
This prouerbe looke in minde ye keepe,  
As good a shrew is as a sheepe,  
for you to take to wife.

H.iiii.

Obiection.



## Of wiuing and thriuing.

Obiection

Now be she lambe or be she eaw,  
 Giue me the sheepe, take thou the sheaw,  
 See which of vs shall thriue:  
 If she be shee with thinke for troth,  
 For all hir thrift I would be loath  
 To match with such to wiue.

Affirmation.

Tush, farewell then, I leaue you off,  
 Such fooles as you that loue to scoffe,  
 Shall seldome wiue to thriue:  
 Contrarie hir as you doe me,  
 And then ye shall I warrant ye,  
 Repent ye if ye wiue.

Obiection.

Friend let vs both giue iustlie place,  
 To wedded man to iudge this case,  
 which best waie is to thriue:  
 For both our talke as seemeth plaine,  
 Is but as hapneth in our braine,  
 To will or not to wiue.

Wedded mans iudgement,  
 Vpon the former argument.

Moderator.

**A** Cocke that wants his mate, goes roring all about,  
 With crowing earlie and late, to find his louer out.  
 And as poore sillie hen, long wanting cocke to guide:  
 Some droops and shortlie then, begins to peake aside.  
 Euen so it is with man and wife, where gouernement is sound,  
 The want of tone the others life, dooth shortlie soone confound.

**I** Rest and in earnest, here argued ye find,  
 That husband and huswife togither must dwell,  
 And thereto the iudgement of wedded mans mind,  
 That husbandrie otherwise speedeth not well:  
 Of huswiferie like as of husbandrie told,  
 How huswifely huswife, helps bring in the gold.

Thus endeth the booke of  
 Husbandry.



The pointes of Huswiferie, vnited to  
*the comfort of Husbandrie, newlie cor-*  
 rected and amplified with diuers good  
*lessons for householders to recreate the*  
 Reader, as by the Table at the end  
*heere of more plainelie may*  
 appeare :

Set forth by Thomas Tuffer Gentleman,



To the right Honourable and my especiall  
*good Ladie and Mistresse, the*  
 Lady Paget.

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| <p><b>T</b>hough danger be mickle,<br/>         And fauour so fickle,<br/>         yet dutie doth tickle,<br/>         My fanſie to wright.<br/>         Concerning how prettie,<br/>         How fine and how nettie,<br/>         Good huswife ſhould iettie,<br/>         from morning to night.</p> <p>2 Not minding by wrighting,<br/>         to kindle a ſpyghting,<br/>         But ſhew by indyghting,<br/>         as after ward told.<br/>         How husbandle caſeth,<br/>         to huſwiferie pleaſeth,<br/>         And manie purſe greaſeth,<br/>         with ſiluer and gold.</p> | <p>3 For huſbandry weepeth,<br/>         Where huſwifery ſleepeth<br/>         And hardlie he creepereth,<br/>         by ladder to thriſt:<br/>         That wanteth to bold him,<br/>         Thriſts ladder to hold him,<br/>         Before it be told him,<br/>         he ſals without ſhift,</p> <p>4 Leſt manie ſhould feare me<br/>         And others forſweare me,<br/>         Of troth I doe beare me,<br/>         vpright as ye ſee:<br/>         Full minded to loue all,<br/>         And not to reproue all,<br/>         But onlie to moue all,<br/>         god huſwifes to be.</p> |
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## To the Reader.

5 For if I should mind some,  
 Or descant behind some,  
 And musing to find some,  
 Displease so I mought:  
 Or if I should blend them,  
 And so to offend them,  
 What stir I should send them,  
 I stand in a doubt.  
 6 Though harmles ye make it,  
 And some doe well take it,  
 If others forsake it,  
 What pleasure were that,  
 Naught else but to paine me,  
 And nothing to gaine me,  
 But make them disdain me,  
 I wot ner for what.  
 7 Least some make a trial,  
 As clock by the diall  
 Some stand to deniall,  
 Some murmur and grudge,  
 Your Ladiships seruant,  
 Thomas Tuffer.

Giue iudgement I pray you,  
 For iustlie so may you,  
 So fante so say you,  
 I make you my iudge,  
 8 In time ye shall trie me,  
 By troth ye shall spie me,  
 So find so let by me  
 according to skill :  
 How euer tree groweth,  
 The fruit the tree sheweth,  
 Your Ladiship knoweth,  
 my hart and good will.  
 9 Though fortune doth measure  
 And I do lack treasure  
 yet if I may pleasure  
 your honour with this :  
 Then will me to mend it,  
 Or mend yer ye send it,  
 Or ante where lend it,  
 if ought be amisse.

## ¶ To the Reader.

**N**ow listen good huswiues, what doings are heere,  
 set forth for a day, as it should for a yere :  
 Both easie to follow, and soone to atchieue,  
 for such as by huswiferie, looketh to thriue.  
 2 The forenoone affaires, till dinner (with some)  
 then after noone doings, till supper time come :  
 With breakfast and dinner time, sup and to bed,  
 standes orderlie placed, to quiet thine bed.  
 3 The meaning is this, for a day what ye see,  
 thai monthlie and yeaerlie continued must be :  
 And hereby to gather (as proue I intend)  
 that huswisely matters, haue neuer an end.



- 4<sup>th</sup> I haue not by heare say, nor reading in booke,  
set out peraduenture that some cannot brooke:  
Nor yet of a spite, to be doing with enie,  
but such as haue skared me, manie a penie.  
5 If widow both huswife, and husband may be,  
what cause hath a widower, lesser than she?  
Tis needfull that both of them, looke well about,  
to carelesse within, and to lazie without.  
6 Now therefore, if ye well consider of this,  
what losses and crosses, comes dailie amis:  
Then beare with a widowers pen as ye may,  
though husband of huswifery somewhat doe say.

¶ The preface to the booke of  
*Huswiferie.*

- T**ake weapon awaie, of what force is a man?  
Take huswife from husband, and what is he then?  
2 As louers doe couet, togither to dwell,  
So husbandry loueth, good huswiferie well.  
3 Though husbandry seemeth, to bring in the gaines,  
yet huswiferie labours, seeme equall in pains.  
4 Some respite to husbands, the weather may send,  
But huswifes affaires, haue neuer an end.

As true as thy faith,  
Thus huswiferie saith

**F**erue for a day, for a weeke, for a yere,  
For life time, for euer, while man dwelleth here.  
For richer for poorer, from north to the south,  
For honest, for hardhead, for daintie of mouth.  
For wed and vnwedded, in sicknesse and health.  
For all that well liueth, in good common wealth.  
For cittie, for countrie, for court and for cart,  
To quiet the head, and to comfort the hart.

The praise  
of huswife-  
rie.

\* A description of huswife and  
*Huswiferie.*

**O**f huswife doth huswiferie cha'enge that name,  
Of huswiferie huswife doth likewise the same.

Where



## Instructions to huswiferie.

Where hus band and hus bandye ioyne with these,  
there welthinesse gotten, is holden with ease.

2 The name of a huswife, what is it to say?  
the wife of the house, to the hus band a stay:

If huswife dooth that, as belongeth to hur,  
if hus band be godlie, there needeth no stir.

3 The huswife is she, that to labour dooth fall,  
the labour of hir, I doe huswiferie call:

If thrift by that labour, be honestlie got,  
then is it good huswiferie, else is it not.

4 The woman, the name of a huswife dooth win,  
by keeping hir house, and of dooings therein:

And she that with hus band will quietlie dwell,  
must thinke on this lesson, and follow it wel.

## ¶ Instructions to huswiferie.

Serue God is the furst,

True loue is not wurst

A Dailie good lesson, of huswife indeed,  
is God to remember the better to speed.

2 Another good lesson, of huswiferie thought,  
is huswife with hus band, to liue as they ought.

Wife comely no greefe,

Man out, huswife cheefe

3 Though tricklie to see to, be gallant to wive,  
yet comelie and wise, is the huswife to thine:

4 When hus band is absent, let huswife be cheefe  
and looke to their labour, that eateth hir beefe.

Both out not allow,

Keep house huswife thou.

5 Where hus band and huswife, be both out of place,  
there seruants doe loiter, and reason their cace.

6 The huswife so named (of keeping the house)  
must tend on hir profit, as cat on the mouse.

Secke home for rest,

For home is the best.

7 As huswines keepe home, and be stirrers about,  
so speedeth their winnings the yeere thorow out.

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8 Though home be but homely, yet huswife is taught,  
that home hath no fellow, to such as haue ought.

Vse all with skil,

Ask what ye wil.

9 Good vsage with knowledge, and quiet withal,  
make huswife to shine, as the sunne on the wal.

10 What husband refuseth, al comelie to haue,  
that hath a good huswife, all willing to saue.

Be redie at need,

Al things to feed.

11 The case of good huswiues, thus dailie doth stand,  
what euer shall chance, to be readie at hand,

12 This care hath a huswife, all daie in hir hed,  
that all thing in season, be huswifelie fed.

By practise go muse,

How household to vse.

13 Dame practise is she, that to huswife dooth tell,  
which waie for to gouerne, hir familie well.

14 Vse labourers gentlie, keepe this as a lawe,  
make child to be ciuill, keepe seruant in awe.

Who carelesse doo liue,

Offense thereby giue:

15 Haue euerie where, a respect to thy waies,  
that none of thy life, any slander may raise.

16 What many doo knowe, though a time it be hid,  
at length will abroad, when a mischeefe shall bid.

No neighbour reprove,

Doo as to haue loue.

17 The loue of thy neighbour, shall stand thee in steed,  
the poozer, the gladder to helpe at a need.

18 Vse friendlie thy neighbour, else trust him in this,  
as he hath thy friendship, so looke to haue his.

Strike nothing vnknowne,

Take heed to thine owne.

19 Reuenge not thy wrath vpon any mans beast,  
least thine by like malice, be bid to like feast.

20 What husband prouideth, with money his drudge,  
the huswife must looke to, which waie it dooth trudge.

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## A note of cock-crowing.

**N**ow out of the matter, this lesson I adde,  
concerning cock crowing, what profit is had:  
Experience teacheth, as true as a clocke,  
how winter night passeth, by crowing of cocke.

Cock croweth at midnight, times few about six,  
with pawse to his neighbour to answer betwix:  
At thre a clocke thicker, and then as ye knowe,  
like all in to Mattens, neere daie they doe crowe.

At midnight, at thre, and an hower yet daie,  
they utter their language, as well as they may:  
Which who so regardeth, what counsell they give,  
will better loue cock crowing, as long as they liue.

For being afraid,  
take heed good maid:  
Marke crowing of cocke,  
For feare of a knocke.

*The first cocke croweth:*

No, dame it is midnight: what rumbling is that?

*The next cock croweth.*

Take heed to false harlots, and more, ye wot what.

If noise ye heere,  
Looke all be cleere:  
Least drabs doe noy thee,  
And theeues destroy thee.

*The first cock croweth,*

Maids, thre a clocke, knead, lay your bucks, or go brew

*The next cock croweth.*

And cobble and botch, ye that cannot buy new.

Till cocke crowe agen,  
Both maidens and men:  
Amend with speed,  
That mending hath need.

*The first cocke croweth.*

Past fure a clocke, holla: maid, sleeping beware,

*The next cock croweth.*

Least quicklie your mistresse uncover your bare.

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Maids vp I beseech ye,  
Least mistresse do breech ye:  
To worke and awaie,  
As fast as ye may.

### ¶ Huswiferie.

#### Morning works.

No sooner vp,  
But nose in cup.

1 **G**et vp in the morning, as sone as thou wilt,  
With ouerlong slugging, good seruant is spilt

2 **S**ome slouens from sleeping, no sooner get vp,  
but hand is in ambrie, and nose in the cup.

That early is doone,  
Count huswifelie woon.

3 **S**ome worke in the morning, may trimlie be doone,  
that all the daie after can hardlie be wun.

4 **G**ood husband without, it is needfull there be,  
good huswife within, is as needfull as he.

Cast dust into yard,  
And spin and go card.

5 **S**luts corners auoided, shall further thy health,  
much time about trifles, shall hinder thy wealth.

6 **S**et some to peeke hempe, or else rushes to twine,  
to spin and to card, or to scething of byrne.

Grinde malt for drinke,  
See meat doo not stinke.

7 **S**et some about cattell, some pasture to bestow,  
some malt to be grinding, against ye doo byrow.

8 **S**ome corneth, some byneth, some wil not be taught,  
where meat is attained, there cookerie is naught.

#### \* Breakfast dooings.

To breakfast that come,  
Giue euerie one some.

1 **C**all seruant to breakefast, by daie starre appeere,  
a snatch and to worke, fellowes, loiter not heere.

2 **L**et



## Huswifelie admonitions.

- 2 Let huswife be caruer, let pottage be heat,  
a messe to each one, with a morsell of meat.

No more tittle tattle,

Go serue your cattle.

- 3 What tack in a pudding? saith greedie gut wynger,  
glue such ye wot what, yer a pudding he finger.

- 4 Let seruants once serued, their cattell go serue,  
least often ill seruing, make cattell to sterue.

¶ *Huswifelie admonitions.*

Learne you that wil thee,

This lesson of me.

Thée for  
thyne.

- 1 No breakfast of custome, prouide for to saue,  
but onelie for such as deserueth to haue:

- 2 No shewing of seruant what vittels in store,  
shew seruant his labour, and shew him no more.

Of hauocke beware.

Cat nothing wil spare.

- 3 Where all thing is common, what needeth a hutch?  
where wanteth a sauer, there hauocke is much.

- 4 Where window is open, cat maketh a fray,  
yet wild cat with two legs, is worse by my say.

Looke wel vnto thine,

Slut slothful must whine.

- 5 An eye in a corner, who vseth to haue,  
reuealeth a drab, and preuenteth a knaue:

- 6 Make maid to be cleanlie, or make hir crie creake,  
and teach hir to stir when hir mistresse dooth speake.

Let holi wand threat,

Let fizgig be beat.

- 7 A wand in thine hand, though ye fight not at all,  
make youth to their businesse better to fall.

- 8 For feare of fole had I wist, cause thee to waile,  
let fizgig be taught, to shut doze after taile.

Too easie the wicket,

Wil still appease clicket.

- 9 With hir that will clicket, make danger to cope,  
least quicklie hir wicket seeme easie to ope.

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- 10 As red little mendeth, where manners be spilt,  
so naught wil be naught, saie and doo what thou wilt.  
Fight sildome ye shall,  
But loue not to brall.
- 11 Much brasting with seruants, what man can abide,  
paie home when thou fighrest, but loue not to chide.
- 12 As order is heauenlie, where quiet is had,  
so erro2 is hell, o2 a mischæfe as bad.  
What better a lawe,  
Then seruant in awe.
- 13 Such awe as a warning, will cause to beware,  
Doth make the whole household, the better to fare:
- 14 The lesse of thy counsell, thy seruants doth knowe,  
their dutie the better, such seruants shall shoue.  
Good musicke regard,  
Good seruants reward.
- 15 Such seruants are ofteness painfull and good,  
that sing in their labour, like birds in the wood:
- 16 Good seruants hope iustlie, some friendship to feele,  
and looke to haue fauor, what time they doo wæle.  
By once or twise,  
Its good to be wise.
- 17 Take runnagate Robin, to pittie his need,  
and looke to be filched, as sure as thy creed.
- 18 Take warning by once, that a worse doo not hap,  
foresight is the stopper of manie a gap.  
Some change for a shift,  
Oft change small thrif.
- 19 Make few of thy counsell, to change for the best,  
least one that is trudging, infecteth the rest.
- 20 The stone that is rolling can gather no mosse,  
for maister and seruant oft changing is losse.  
Both liberall sticketh,  
Some prouender pricketh.
- 21 One dog for a hog, and one cat for a mouse,  
one readie to giue, is inough in a house:
- 21 One gift ill accepted, keepe next in thy purse:  
whom prouender pricketh, are often the wurse.

One libe-  
rall.

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Brewing



## Of brewing, baking, cookerie and dairie.

\* *Brewing.*

Brew somewhat for thine,  
Else bring vp no swine.

- 1 Where brewing is needfull, be brewer thy selfe,  
what filleth thy roose, will helpe furnish thy selfe.
- 2 In buieng of drinke, by the firken or pot,  
the tallie ariseth, but hog amends not.

Wel brued, worth cost,  
Ill vsed halfe lost.

- 3 One bushell well brewed, outlasteth some twaine,  
and saueth both malt and expenses in vaine.

- 4 Too new is no profit, to stale is as bad,  
drinke dead or else sower, makes labourer sad.

Remember good Gill,  
Take paine with thy swill,

Seething  
of grains

- 5 Seeth grains in more water, while graines be yet hot,  
and stir them in copper, as porredge in pot.

- 6 Such heating with straw, to haue offals good store,  
both pleaseth and easeth, what would ye haue more?

\* *Baking.*

New bread is a driuell,  
Much crnst is as euill.

- 1 New bread is a waster, but mouldie is worse,  
what that waie dog catcheth, that loseth the purse.
- 2 Much dowbake I praise not, much crnst is as ill,  
the meane is the huswife, say nay if ye will.

¶ *Cookerie.*

Good cookerie craueth,  
Good turnbroch saueth

- 1 Good cooke to dresse dinner, to bake and to brye,  
deserues a reward being honest and true.

- 2 Good diligent turnbroch and trustie withall,  
is sometime as needfull as some in the hall.

¶ *Dairie.*

Good dairie dooth pleasure,  
Ill dairy spends treasure.

- 1 Good huswife in dairie, that needs not be told,  
deserueth hir fee to be paid hir in gold.

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- 2 Ill seruant neglecting what huswiferie saies,  
deserueth hir fee to be paid hir with baies.

Good droie worth much,  
Marke sluts and such,

- 3 Good droie to serue hog, to help wash, and to milke,  
more needfull is trulle than some in their silke.

- 4 Though homely be milker, let cleanly be croke,  
for a slut and a slouen, be knowne by their looke.

In dairie no cat,

Lay bane for a rat.

- 5 Though cat (a good mouser) dooth dwell in a house,  
yet euer in dairie haue trap for a mouse.

Traps  
for rats.

- 6 Take heed how thou laiest, the bane for the rats,  
for poisoning of seruant, thy selfe and thy byats.

& Scowring.

No scowring for pride,

Spare kettle whole side.

- 1 Though scowring be needfull, yet scowring too much,  
is pride without profit, and robbeth thine hutch.

- 2 Keepe kettles from knocks, set tubs out of sun,  
for mending is costlie, and crackt is soone dun.

& Washing.

Take heed when ye wash,

Else run in the lash.

- 1 Maids, wash wel, and wryng tael, but beat ye wot how,  
if any lacke beating, I feare it be you.

- 2 In washing by hand, haue an eie to thy boll,  
for launders and millers, be quicke of their toll.

Drie sun, drie wind,

Safe bind, safe find.

- 3 Go wash well saith summer, with sunne I shall drie,  
go wryng well saith winter, with wind so shall I.

- 4 To trust without heed, is to venter a ioint,  
giue tale and take count, is a huswifellie point.

Where many be packing,

Are many things lacking.

- 5 Where hens fall a cackling, take heed to their nest,  
where drabs fall a whispzing, take heed to the rest.

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6 Through



## of Malting and dinner matters.

6 Thruugh negligent huswives, are many things lacking  
and gillet suspected, will quicklie be packing.

## ¶ Malting.

Ill malting is theft

Wood dride hath a weft.

Malting. 1 House may be so handsome, and skilfulnesse such,  
to make thine owne malt, it shall profit thee much.  
2 Some dzieth with straw, and some dzieth with wood,  
wood as keth more charge, and nothing so good.  
Take heed to the kell,  
Sing out as a bell.

3 Be sure no chances, to fier can draw,  
the wood or the furzen, the brake or the straw.

4 Let gillet be singing, it doth verie well,  
to keepe hir from sleeping, and burning the kell.  
Best dried best speeds,  
Il kept bowd breeds.

5 Malt being well spæred, the more it will cast,  
malt being well dried, the longer will last:

6 Long kept in ill saller (undoubted thou shalt)  
througħ bowds without number, lose quickly thy malt

## ✱ Dinner matters.

For hnngr or thirst,

Serue cattel wel first.

1 By none see your dinner, be readie and neat,  
let meat tarry seruant, not seruant his meat.

2 Plough cattel a basting, call seruants to dinner,  
the thicker together, the charges the thinner.

Togither is best,

For hostis and ghest.

3 Due season is best, altogither is gaie,  
dispatch hath no fellow, make short and auaie.

4 Beware of gill laggooſe, disordering thy house,  
no dainties who catcheth, then craftie fed mouse?

Let such haue inough,

That follow the plough

5 Giue seruant no dainties but, giue him inough,  
too manie chaps walking, doe begger the plough.

6 Dore

Dinner  
time.

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6 **D**oore leggons halfe starued, worke faintlie and dull,  
and lubbers doe loiter, their bellies to full.

Giue neuer too much,  
To lazie and such,

7 **F**eed lazie that thresteth, a flap and a tap,  
like slothfull, that all day be stopping a gap:

8 **S**ome litherlie lubber, more eateth than two,  
yet leaueth vndone, that another will doo.

Where nothing will last,  
Spare such as thou hast.

9 **S**ome cutteth thy linnen, some spoileth their broth,  
bare table to some, dooth as well as a cloth.

10 **T**reene dishes be homelie, and yet not to lacke,  
Where stone is no laster, take tankerd and iacke.

Knap boy on the thums,  
And saue him his crums.

11 **T**hat pewter is neuer, for manerlie feasts,  
which dailie dooth serue, so vnmannerlie beasts.

12 **S**ome gnaweth & leaueth, some crusts & some crums  
eat such their own leauings, or gnaw their own thums

Serue God euer furst,  
Take nothing at wurst.

13 **A**t dinner, at supper, at morning, at night,  
giue thanks vnto God, for his gifts so in sight.

14 **G**ood hus band and huswife, will sometimes alone,  
make shift with a morsel, and picke of a bone.

Enough thou art told,  
To much wil not hold.

15 **T**hree dishes well dressed, and welcome withall,  
both please thy friend, and becommeth thine hall,

16 **E**nough is a plentie, too much is a pride,  
the plough with ill holding, goes quicklie aside.

¶ After noone works.

Make companie breake,  
Go cherish the weake.

1 **W**hen dinner is ended, set seruants to worke,  
and follow such fellows, as loueth to lurke.

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2 To

Grace be-  
fore & af-  
ter meate,

Afternoon  
works.



## Afternoone workes.

- 2 To seruant in sicknesse, see nothing ye grutch,  
a thing of a trifle shall comfort him nutech.

Who many doo feed,  
Saue much they had need.

- 3 Put chippings in drippings, vse parings to saue,  
fat capons or chickens, that lookest to haue.

- 4 Saue droppings and skimmings, how euer ye doo,  
for medicine for cattell, for cart, and for shoo.

Leane capon vnmeet,  
Deere fed is vnswet.

- 5 Such offcorne as commeth, giue wife to hir see,  
feed willingly such, as doo helpe to feed thee.

- 6 Though fat fed is dainty, yet I thee this warne,  
be cunning in fating, for robbing thy barne.

Peece hole to defend,  
Things timelie amend.

- 7 Good semsters be sowing, of fine pretty knacks,  
good huswifes be mending and peeing their sacks:

- 8 Though making and mending, be huswife le waies,  
yet mending in time, is the huswife to praise.

Buy new as is meet,  
Marke blanket and sheet.

- 9 Though ladies may rend, and buy new ery day,  
good huswifes must mend, and buy new as they may.

- 10 Call quarterly seruants, to court and to leet,  
write euery couerlet, blanket and sheet.

Shift slouenlie else,  
Be gailer thy selfe.

- 11 Though shifting too oft, be a theefe in a house,  
yet shift flur and slouen, for feare of a louse.

- 12 Grant doubtfull no key of his chamber in purse,  
least chamber droze lockt, be to theeuery a nurse.

Saue feathers for gest,  
These other rob cheft.

Saue fe-  
thers

- 13 Saue wing for a thesher, when a gander doth die,  
saue feathers of all thing, the softer to lie.

- 14 Much spice is a theefe, so is candle and fier,  
sweet sauce is as crafty as euer was frier.

Wife

## Euening works.

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Wife make thine owne candle,  
Spare pennie to handle.

15 **P**rouide for thy tallow, yer frost commeth in,  
and make thine owne candle yer winter begin.

16 **I**f pennie for all thing, be suffered to trudge,  
trust long not to pennie, to haue him thy drudge.

Candle  
making.

### & Euening works.

Time drawing to night,  
See all things go right.

1 **W**hen hens go to roost, go in hand to dresse meat,  
serue yogs and to milking, and some to serue neate,

2 **W**here twaine be inow, be not serued with thre,  
more knaues in a companie woiser they be.

Make lackie to trudge,  
Make seruant thy drudge.

3 **F**or euerie trifle, leaue iaunting thy nag,  
but rather make lackie of Jack boy thy wag.

4 **M**ake seruant at night, lug in wood or a log,  
let none come in emptie, but shut and thy dog.

False knaue readie prest,  
All safe is the best.

5 **W**here pullen vse nightly, to pearch in the yard,  
there two legged fores, keep watches and ward.

6 **S**ee cattell well serued, without and within,  
and all things at quiet, yer supper begin.

Take heed it is needfull,  
True pitty is meedfull.

7 **N**o clothes in garden, no trinkets without,  
no doore leaue vnbolted, for feare of a dout,

8 **T**hou woman whom pitty becommeth the best,  
grant all that haue laboured, due time to take rest.

### ¶ Supper matters.

Vse mirth and good word,  
At bed and at boord.

1 **P**rouide for thy husband, to make him good cheere,  
make merry togither, while time ye be heere.

2 **A**t bed and at boord, howsoeuer befall,  
what euer God sendeth, be merrie withall.



## After supper matters.

No bralling make,  
No gelousie take.

3 No taunts before seruants, for hindring of fame,  
no iarring too lowd, for auoiding of shame.

4 As franſie and heresie, coueth together,  
ſo gelouſie leadeſh, a ſoole ye wot whither.

Tend ſuch as ye haue,  
Stop talkatiue knaue.

5 Young children and chickens, would euer be eating,  
good ſeruants looke dulle, for gentle intreating.

6 No ſeruant at table, uſe ſawllie to talke,  
leaſt too long ſet at large, out of meaſure doe walke.

No ſnatching at al,  
Sirſ harken now all.

7 No lurching, no ſnatching, no ſtriving at all,  
leaſt one go without, and another haue all.

8 Declare after ſupper, take heed therevnto,  
what worke in the morning, ech ſeruant ſhall doe.

## ¶ After ſupper matters.

Thy ſoule hath a clog,  
Forget not thy dog.

works af  
ter ſupper

1 Remember thoſe children, whoſe parents be poore,  
which hunger, yet dare not craue at thy doore.

2 Thy bandog that ſerueth, for diuers miſhapps,  
forget not to giue him, thy bones and thy ſcraps.

Make keyes to be keepers,  
To bed ye ſleepers.

3 Where mouthes be many, to ſpend that thou haſt,  
ſet keyes to be keepers, for ſpending too faſt.

4 To bed after ſupper, let drouſie go ſleepe,  
leaſt knaue in the darke, to his marrow doe creepe.

Keepe keyes as thy life,  
Feare candle good wife.

5 Such keyes laie vp ſafe, yer ye take ye to reſt,  
of dairie, of buttrie, of cupbord and cheſt.

6 Feare candle in hailoſt, in barne, and in ſhed,  
feare flea ſmoeke & mende breech, for burning their bed.

See

## The plowmans feasting daies.

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See doores lockt fast,  
Two keies make wast.

7 A doore without locke, is a baite for a knaue,  
a locke without key, is a foole that will haue

8 One key to two locks, if it breake is a græfe,  
two keies to one locke, in the end is a theefe.

Night works troubles hed,  
Locke doores and to bed.

9 The day willethe done, whatsoeuer ye bid,  
the night is a theefe, if ye take not good hid.

10 Wash dishes, lay leuens, saue fire & awaie,  
locke doores and to bed, a good huswife will say.

To bed know thy guise,  
To rise doo likewise,

11 In winter at nine, and in summer at ten,  
to bed after supper, both maidens and men,

12 In Winter at fife a clocke, seruaunt arise,  
in summer at foure, is a verie good guise.

Loue as ye may,  
Loue many a day

13 Be lowlie not sullen, if ought go amisse,  
what wessling may loose thee, that win with a kisse,

14 Both beare and forbear, now and then as ye may,  
then wench God a mercy, thy hus band will say.

Bed time  
Time to  
rise.

## ¶ The plow mans feasting daies.

This would not be slept,  
Old guise must be kept.

**G**od huswittes, whom God hath inriched ynough,  
forget not the feastes, that belong to the plough:

The meaning is onely, to ioy and be glad,  
for comfort with labour, is fit to be had.

Plough Monday.

Plough Monday, next after that Twelstide is past,  
bids out with the plough, the worst hus band is last:

If plowman get hatchet, or whip to the skreene,  
maids loseth their cocke, if no water be seene.

Welcester  
shire,

Shroftide



## The plowmans feasting daies.

Essex and  
Suffolke.

Shroftide

3 At Shroftide to shrouing, go thresh the fat hen,  
if blindfold can kil hir, then giue it thy men:  
Maids, fritters and pancakes, ynow see ye make,  
let flut haue one pancake, for companie sake.

Sheepe shearing.

North  
hampton.

4 Wife make vs a dinner, spare flesh neither cozne,  
make wafers and cakes, for our sheepe must be shorne.  
At sheepeshearing neighbours, none other thing craue,  
but good cheere and welcome, like neighbours to haue

The wake daie.

Leicester  
shyre,

5 Fill ouen full of flawnes, Ginnie passe not for sleepe,  
to morow thy father, his wake day will keepe:  
Then euerie wanton, may danse at hir will,  
both Tomkin with Tomlin, and Jankin with Gill.

Haruest home.

6 For all this good feasting, yet art thou not loose,  
till ploughman thou giuest, his haruest home goose:  
Though goose go in stubble, I passe not for that,  
let goose haue a goose, be she leane be she fat.

Seed cake.

Essex and  
Suffolke

7 Wife sometime this weeke, if the weather hold cleere,  
an end of wheat sowing, we make for this yeere:  
Remember thou therefore, though I doe it not,  
the seed cake, the pasties, and fumenty pot.

Twise a weeke rost.

8 Good ploughmen looke wekely, for custome and right,  
for rostmeat on sundaies, and thurs day at night,  
This doing and keeping, such custome and guise,  
they call thee good huswife, they loue thee likewise.

¶ Good huswifelie

Physicke.

God huswife prouides, yer an sicknesse do come,  
of sundrie good things, in her house to haue some,  
Good Aqua composita, and vineger tart,  
Rosewater and treacle, to comfort thine hart,

Cold



## Good motherlie nurserie.

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Cold hearbs in hir garden, for agues that burne,  
that ouerstrong heat, to good temper may turne  
White endiue and suckerie, with spinage inough,  
all such with good potherbs, should follow the plough.

Get water of Fumitorie, liuer to coole,  
and others the like, or else lie like a fole.

Conserues of barberie, quinces and such,  
with sirops, that easeth the sicklie so much.

Ask Medicus counsell, per medicine ye make  
and honour that man, for necessities sake.

Though thousands hate physicke, because of the cost,  
yet thousands it helpeth, that else should be lost.

Good broth and good keeping, do much now and than,  
good diet with wisdom, best comforteth man.

In health to be stirring, shall profit thee best,  
in sickness hate trouble, seeke quiet and rest,

Remember thy soule, let no fanisie preuaile,  
make readie to Godward, let faith neuer quaille.

The sooner thy selfe, thou submittest to God,  
the sooner he cealeth, to scourge with his rod.

Physician

God direct

Think on  
thy soule  
& haue a  
good hope,

## Good motherlie nurserie.

God huswifes take paine, and do count it good lucke,  
to make their owne bzeast, their owne child to giue sucke.  
Though wralling and rocking be noisome so neare,  
yet lost by ill nursing, is worser to heare.

But one thing I warne thee, let huswife be nurse,  
least husband do find thee, too franke with his purse.

What hilbacke and filbellie, maketh alwaie,  
that helpe to make good, or else looke for a fraie.

Giue child that is fittie, giue babie the big,  
giue hardnes to youth, and to roperipe a twig.

We find it not spoken so often for naught,  
that children were better, vnborne than vntaught

Som cocknies with cocking, are made verie fooles.  
fit neither for prentise, for plough nor for schooles

Teach



## Of good and euill huswiferie.

Teach child to aske blessing, serue God, and to church,  
then blesse as a mother, else blesse him with burch.  
Thou huswife thus dooing, what further shall need?  
but all men to call thee, good mother indeed.

*Thinke on the poore.*

**R**emember the poore, that for God sake doo call,  
for God both rewardeth, and blesseth with all:  
Take this in good part, what soeuer thou be,  
and with me no worse, than I wish to thee.

A comparison betweene good  
*huswiferie and euill.*

Comparing together, good huswife and bad,  
The knowledge of either, the better is had.

**I**ll huswiferie lieth  
till nine of the clocke:  
Good huswiferie trieth,  
to rise with the cock.

2 Ill huswifery tooteth,  
to make hir selfe bzaue:  
Good huswifery looketh,  
what household must haue

3 Ill huswifery trusteth  
to him and to hir:  
Good huswiferie lusteth  
hir selfe for to stir.

4 Ill huswifery careth,  
for this nor for that:  
Good huswifery ipareth  
for feare ye wot what.

5 Ill huswiferie pricketh,  
hir selfe vp in pride:  
Good huswiferie tricketh,  
hir house as a bride.

6 Ill huswiferie othing,  
or other must craue:  
Good huswifery nothing  
but needfull will craue.

7 Ill huswiferie moueth,  
with gossyp to spend:  
Good huswiferie loueth,  
hir household to tend.

8 Ill huswiferie wanteth,  
with spending too fast:  
Good huswifery canteth,  
the longer to last.

9 Ill huswiferie easeeth,  
hir selfe with vnknowne:  
Good huswiferie pleaseth,  
hir selfe with hir owne.

10 Ill huswiferie brooketh,  
mad toies in hir hed:  
Good huswiferie looketh,  
that all things be fed

11 Ill huswiferie bringeth,  
a shilling to naught:  
Good huswifery singeth,  
hir cofers full fraught.

12 Ill huswifery rendeth,  
and casteth aside:  
Good huswiferie mendeth,  
else would it go wide.



## Instructing of children.

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| <p>13 Ill huswiferie sweepeth,<br/>hir linnen to gage:<br/>Good huswiferie keepeth,<br/>to serue hir in age.</p> <p>14 Ill huswiferie craueth,<br/>in secret to borrowe:<br/>Good huswiferie saueth,<br/>to daie for to morrow.</p> <p>Good huswife good fame hath, of best in the towne:<br/>Ill huswife ill name hath, of euerie clowne.</p> | <p>15 Ill huswiferie pineth,<br/>not hauing to eat:<br/>Good huswiferie dineth,<br/>with plentie of meat.</p> <p>16 Ill huswiferie letteth,<br/>the diuell take all:<br/>Good huswiferie setteth,<br/>good brag of a small.</p> |
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*Thus endeth the booke of Huswiferie.*

For men a perfect warning,  
How child should come by learning.

**A**l you that faine would learne the perfect waie,  
To haue your child in musicke something seene:  
Aske nature first, what thereto she doth saie,  
Per further sute ye make to such a queene.  
For doubtlesse *Grosu caput* is not he,  
Of whom the learned muses seene will be.

2 Once tride that nature trim hath done hir part,  
And ladie musicke farre in loue will hall:  
Be wise who first doth teach thy child that art,  
Least homelie breaker mar fine ambling ball.  
Hot rod in mad brains hand is that can helpe,  
But gentle skill doth make the proper whelpe.

3 Where choise is hard, count good for well a fine,  
Skill mixt with will is he that teacheth best,  
Let this suffice for teaching child of thine,  
Chose quicklie well for all the lingring rest.  
Mistought at first, how seldome proueth well,  
Trim taught, O God, how shortlie doth excell

4 Although as ships must farrie wind and tide,  
And perfect houres abide their stinted time:  
So likewise though of learning dailie tride  
Space must be had, per wit maie thereto cline.

Pet



## A womans age described.

Yet easie steps and perfect waite to trust,  
Doth cause good speed, confesse of force we must.

5 Thus in the child though wit inough we find,  
And teacher good neere hand, or other where,  
And time as apt as may be thought with mind,  
No: cause in such thing much to doubt or feare.  
Yet cocking mams and shifting dads from scholes,  
Makes pregnant wits, to proue vnlearned soles.

6 Per learning come, to haue first art thou taught,  
Apt learning child, apt time, then thing to frame,  
Apt cunning man to teach, else all is naught,  
Apt parents, glad to bring to passe the same.  
On such apt ground the muses loue to build,  
This lesson learne, adieu else learned childe.

¶ The description of a womans age by  
vi. times xiiii. yeares prentiship, with  
*a lesson to the same.*

14 Two first seuen yeres, for a rod they doe whine,  
28 Two next, as a pearle in the world they doe shine,  
42 Two next, trim beawtie beginneth to swerue,  
56 Two next, for matrons or drudges they serue,  
70 Two next, doth craue a staffe for a staie,  
84 Two next, a beere to fetch them a waie.

A lesson. { Then purchase some pelfe,  
by fiftie and three:  
Or buckle thy selfe  
A drudge for to be.

## ¶ The Inholders posie.

A I meales my friend who bitleth here, & sitteth with his host  
Shall both be sure of better chere, and scape with lesser cost  
But he that will attendance haue, a chamber by himselfe,  
Must more regard what pains do craue, than pas of worldly pelf  
Let no man looke to purchase linne, with pinching by the waite,  
But late befoze he takes his Anne, to make his pursle to paie.

For



For nothing pay and nothing pray, in Inne it is the guiſe (wiſe  
Where no point gaine, there no point paine, think this if you be  
For tolling much, & ſpoiling more, great coſt ſmal gain or none  
Sone ſets thine hoſt at needams ſhore, to craue the beggars bone  
Foreſeeing this, come day or night, take vp what place ye pleaſe,  
Uſe mine as thine, let fortune ſpight, and boldly take thine eaſe.

\* Certaine Table leſſons.

**F**riend, eat leſſe and drinke leſſe, and buy thee a knife,  
eſſe looke for a caruer not allwaie to riſe:

Some kniueleſſe their daggers for brauery doe weare,  
that often for ſurfetting need not to feare.

2 At dinner and ſupper, the table dooth craue,  
good fellowſhip neighbour, good maners to haue  
Aduiſe thee well therefore, yer tounge be too free,  
or ſlapſauce be noted, too ſaucie to be.

3 If any thing wanteth, or ſeemeth amiſſe,  
to call for, or ſhew it, good maner it is  
But buſie fault-finder, and ſauſie withal,  
is roſting like ruffin, no maner at all.

4 Some cutteth the napkin, ſome trenchers will nicke,  
ſome ſheweth like follie in manie a tricke:

Let ſuch a piſh bodie, ſo toieng at meat,  
go toie with his noddie, like ape in the ſtreat.

6 Some commeth vnſent for, not for the good cheere,  
but ſent as a ſpiall, to liſten and heere.

Which being once knowne, for a knaue let him go,  
for knaue will be knauish, his nature is ſo.

Leſſons for waiting ſeruants.

**O**be diligent ſeruitoꝝ, ſkilfull to weight,  
more comlieth thy table, than other ſome eight:

That ſtand for to liſten, or gazing about,  
not minding their dutie, within nor without.

2 Such waiter is faultie, that ſtandeth ſo by,  
vnmindfull of ſeruiſe, forgetting his eie:



## Posies for diuers roomes.

If maister to such, giue a bone for to gnaw,  
he dooth but his office to teach such a daw.

3 Such seruitor also deserueth a checke,  
that runneth out fizing, with meat in his becke :  
Such rauening puttocks, for vittels so trim,  
would haue a good maister, to puttocke with him.

4 Who daily can suffer, or else can afford,  
his meat so vp snatched, that comes from his boord :  
So tossed wth cormorants, heere and there some,  
and others to want it, that orderlie come ?

5 Good seruitor waiteth (once supper begun)  
what asketh attendance, and what to be dun :  
So purchasing maister, a praise with the best,  
get praise to himselfe, both of maister and ghest.

## Husbandlie posies for the hall.

Friend, here I dwell, and here I haue a little worlolie pelfe,  
Which on my friend I keep to spend, as well as on my selfe.

2 What euer fare you hap to find, take welcome for the best,  
That hauing then disdaine thou not, for wanting of the rest.

3 Backbiting talk that flatering blabs, kno wily how to blenge  
The wise doth note, the friend doth hate, the enemie to reuenge.

4 The wise will spend, or giue or lend, yet keepe to haue a store,  
If foles may haue from hand to mouth, they passe vpon no more.

5 Where ease is sought, at last we see, there plenty wareth scant  
Who carelesse liues go borrow must, or else fall often want.

6 The world doth think, the welthie man, is he that least shal need  
But true it is, the godlie man is he that best shal speed.

## Posies for the parlour.

As hatred is the serpents noisome rod,  
So friendship is the louing gift of God.

2 The drunken friend is friendship verie euill,  
The frantike friend is friendship for the diuell.

3 The quiet friend all one in word and deed,  
Ore at comfort is, like readie gold at need.



## Posies for sundry roomes.

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4 With bzalling soles, that wzall for euerie wozong,  
Firme friendship neuer can continue long.

5 In time that man, shall sldome friendship mis,  
That waieyth what thing, tuch kept in freendship is.

6 Oft times a friend is got with easie cost,  
Which vsed euill, is oft as quicklie lost.

7 Hast thou a friend, as hart may wish at will,  
then vse him so to haue his friendship still.

8 Wouldst haue a friend, wouldst know what friend is best,  
Haue God thy friend, which passeth all the rest.

## Posies for the ghests chambers.

**T**he slouen and the careles man, the roinish nothing nice,  
to lodge in chamber comly deckt, be seldome sussed twise.

2 with eurtten some make seaberd clean, with couerlet their shoo  
All mire and durt some wallow bsd, as spaniels vse to do.

3 Though boots & spurs be nere so foule, what passeth som theron  
what place they foule, or thing they teare by tumbling ther vpon

4 Foule male some cast on saier boord, be carpit nere so clæne,  
what maners careles maister hath, by knaue his man is seene.

5 Some make the chimnie chamberpot, to smel like Althy Linke,  
Pet who so bold, so soone to say, fough, how these houses stinke.

6 they therfore such as make no force, what comlie thing to spill,  
Must haue a cabin like themselves, although against their will.

7 But gentlemen will gentlie doo, where gentlenes is shewd,  
Observing this, with loue abide, or else hence all be shrewd.

## ¶ Posies for thine owne bed chamber.

**W**hat wisdom more, what better life, than pleseth god to send  
what worldly goods, what lōger vse, than pleseth god to lend

2 what better fare than well content, agreeing with thy wealth:  
what better ghest, than trustie friend, in sicknes and in health:

3 what better bed than conscience good, to passe the night with  
what better work, then dailly care, fro sin thy selfe to keep. (sleep,

4 what better thought, than thinke on God, & dailie him to serue,  
what better gift than to the poore, that reade be to serue.

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5 What



## Points of religion.

5 What greater praise of God and man, than mercie for to shew  
who merciles, shall mercy find, that mercie shewes to few.

6 What worse despaire, than loth to die, for feare to go to hell:  
What greater faith, than trust in God, through Christ in heauen to  
(dwell:

## ¶ A sonnet to the Lady Paget.

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| Some pleasures take,<br>And cannot giue,<br>but onely make,<br>poore thanks their shift.        | Some shew good face,<br>and be but poore,<br>yet haue a grace,<br>good fame to raise. |
| Some meaning well,<br>in debt doe liue,<br>and cannot tell,<br>how else to shift.               | Some owe and giue,<br>yet still in det,<br>and so must liue,<br>for aught I know:     |
| Some knocke and faine,<br>would ope the doore,<br>to learne the vaine,<br>good turne to praise: | Some wish to pay,<br>and cannot get,<br>but night and day,<br>still more must owe.    |

Euen so must I, for seruice past,  
Stil wish you good, while life dooth last.

## ¶ Principall points of Religion.

- 1 To pray to God continually,  
To learne to know him rightfully,
- 2 To honour God in Trinity,
- 3 The Trinity in vnity,  
The Father in his Maiesty,  
The Sonne in his humanity,  
The Holy ghosts benignity,  
Three persons, one in Deity,
- 4 To serue him alway holily,
- 5 To aske him all things needfully,
- 6 To praise him in all company,
- 7 To loue him alway hartily,
- 8 To dread him alway Christianly,

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- 9 To aske him mercy penitently,
  - 10 To trust him alway faithfully,
  - 11 To obey him alway willingly.
  - 12 To abide him alway patiently,
  - 13 To thanke him alway thankfully,
  - 14 To liue here alway vertuously,
  - 15 To vse thy neighbour honestly,
  - 16 To looke for death still presently,
  - 17 To helpe the poore in mysery,
  - 18 To hope for heauens felicity,
  - 19 To haue faith hope and charity,
  - 20 To count this life but vanity,
- Be points of Christianity.

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**T**his is my stedfast Creed, my faith, and all my trust,  
 that in the heuens there is a God, both mightie, mild, & iust. God the Father.  
 A God aboue all gods, a King aboue all kings,  
 The Lord of lords, chiefe gouernoz, of heauen & earthlie things.  
 2 That power hath of life, of death, of heauen and hell,  
 That all things made as pleaseh him, so wonderfull to tell: Maker of heauen  
 That made the hanging skies, so deckt with diuers lights,  
 Of darkenesse made the cheérfull daies, and al our restful nights  
 3 That clad the earth with herbe, with trees and sundrie frutes,  
 With beast, with bird, both wild & tame, of strange & sundry sorts The earth  
 That internixt the same, with mines like beines of ore,  
 Of siluer, gold, of pretious stones, and treasures manie more.  
 4 That toynded brookes to dales, to hils fresh water springs, The waters,  
 With riuers sweet along the meads, to profit manie things: frost and snow.  
 That made the hoarte frosts, the flakie snolwes so trim,  
 The honie dewes, the blastring winds, to serue as pleaseh him. The seas  
 5 That made the surging seas, in course to ebbe and flo,  
 That skilfull man with sailing ship, might trauell to and fro.  
 And stozed so the same, for mans vnthankfull sake,  
 That euerie nation vnder heauen, might thereby profit take.

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6 That



The soule  
of man

6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,  
That dooth to him and all things else, his blessing dailie giue :  
That is not seene yet seeth, how man doth run his race,  
Whose daily works both good & bad, are knowne before his face;

Thunder  
and plagues.

7 That sendeth thundring claps, like terrores out of hell,  
That man may know a god there is, y in the heauens doe dwell:  
That sendeth threatening plagues, to keepe our liues in awe,  
His benefits if we forget, or doe contemne his lawes.

Christ the  
sonne.

8 That daily hateth sinne, and loueth vertue well,  
And is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israell :  
That doth displeasure take, when we his lawes offand,  
And yet amidst his heauie wrath, his mercie doth extend.

Christ's  
birth.  
Christ God  
and man,

9 This is that Lord of hosts, the father of vs all,  
The maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call:  
Which for the loue of man, sent downe his onlie sonne,  
Begot of him before the worlds, were any whit begun.

Christ our  
Messias.

10 This entred Marias wombe, as faith affirmeth sure,  
Conceiued by the Holie ghost, borne of that virgin pure:  
This was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped king,  
And liued here saue onlie sinne, like man in euerie thing.

Christ's  
passion.

11 This is that virgins childe, that same most holie preest,  
The lambe of God, the prophet great, who scripture calleth christ  
This that Messias was, of whom the prophet spake,  
that should tread down the serpents head, & our atonement make.

Christ's death

12 This Judas did betray, to false dissembling Iewes,  
Which vnto Pilat being iudge, did falselie him accuse :  
Who (through that wicked iudge) and of those Iewes despight,  
Condemned and tormented was, with all the force they might.

13 To liuing wight more euill, what could such wretches doe ?  
More percing wounds, more bitter paines, than they did put him  
They crowned him with thorn, that was the king of kings : (to  
That sought to saue the soule of man, aboue all worldly things.

14 This was that paschall lambe, whose loue for vs so good,  
That on the mount of Caluarie, for vs did shed his blood :  
Where hanging on the crosse, no shame he did forsake,  
Till death giuen him by pearcing speare, an end of life did make.

15 This



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15 This Ioseph seeing dead, the bodie thence did crame,  
And toke it forthwith from the crosse, and laid it in his grane,  
Downe thence he went to hell, in vsing there his will,  
His power I meane, his stained corps, in tomb remained still.

Christ  
buriall.  
Christ  
descention.

16 From death to life againe, the third date he did rise,  
And scene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundrie wise:  
And after into heauen, ascend he did in sight,  
And sitteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

Christ's re-  
surrection  
Christ's as-  
cension.  
Christ shal  
be our  
iudge.

17 When for vs wretches all, his father he doth praise,  
To haue respect vnto his death, and put our sins a waie:  
From thence with sounded trump, which noise all flesh shal dye,  
He shall retorne with glory againe, to iudge the quick and dead.

18 Then shal the voice be heard, Come, come, ye good to me,  
Hence hence to hell ye workers euill, where paine shall euer be:  
This is that louing Christ, whom I my sauiour call,  
And onlie put my trust in him, and in none else at all.

The iud-  
ges sentēce

19 In God the Holie ghost, I firmelie doe beleue,  
Which from the Father and the sonne, a blessed life doth geue:  
Which by the prophets spake, which doth all comfort send,  
Which I do trust shall be my guide, when this my life shall end.

God the  
Holyghost.

20 A holie catholike church, on earth I grant there is,  
And those which frame the ir liues by that, shall neuer doe amis:  
The head whereof is Christ, his word the chiefeest post,  
Preseruer of this temple great, is God the holie ghost.

The catho-  
like church

21 I doe not doubt there is, a multitude of saints,  
More good is don resembling them, then telling them our plaints  
Their faith and works in Christ, that glorie did them giue,  
Which glorie we shall likewise haue, if likewise we doe liue.

The com-  
munion of  
saints.

22 At God of heauen there is forgiveness of our sins,  
Through Christ's death, through faith in it, and through none other  
If we repentant here, his mercie dailie craue, (ginnes:  
Through stedfast hope & faith in Christ, forgiveness we shall haue.

Forgive-  
nes of sins.

23 I hope and trust vpon the rising of the flesh,  
This corps of mine that first must die, shall rise againe afresh:  
The soule and bodie euen then, in one shall toynded be,  
As Christ did rise from deth to life, euen so through Christ shal we.

Mans re-  
surrection



## Gods almightines and mans weakenes.

24 As Christ is glorified, and neuer more shall die,  
As Christ ascended into heauen, through Christ euen so shall I:  
As Christ I count my head, and I a member of his,  
So God I trust for Christes sake, shall settle me in blis.

**T**hus here we learne of God, that there be persons three,  
The Father, Sonne, and Holy ghost, one God in Trinitie  
In substance all like one, one God, one Lord, one might,  
Whose persons yet we doo deuide, and so we may by right.

As God the Father is, the maker of vs all,  
So God the Sonne redeemer is, to whom for helpe we call:  
And God the holie Ghost, the soule of man doth win,  
By mouing hir to waile for grace, ashamed of hir sin.

This is that God of gods, whom euerie soule should loue,  
Whom al mens harts should quake for feare, his wrath on them  
That this same mightie God, aboue all other cheefe, (to moue:  
Shall saue my soule from dolefull hell, is all my whole beleefe.

## ¶ Of the omnipotencie of God and debilitie of man.

**O** God thou glorious God, what god is like to thee,  
What life, what strength is like to thine, as al the world may  
The heauens, the earth, the seas, and all thy works therein, (see?  
Do thew (to who thou wouldst to know) what thou hast ever bin.

2 But all the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill,  
Man doth commit idolatrie, bewitched of the diuell:  
What ill is left vndoone, where man may haue his wil  
Man euer was an hypocrite, and so continues still.

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foure Di- 3 What dailie watch is made, the soule of man to flea,  
uels do sig By Lucifer, by Belsabub, Hammon, and Asmodea:  
nife. In deuillish pride, in wrath, in coueting too much,  
In fleshlie lust the time is spent, the life of man is such.

4 The toy that man hath here, is as a sparke of fire,  
His acts be like the smouldring smoke, himself like dirt & mire:  
His strength euen as a reed, his age muth like the flower,  
His breath or life is put a passe, vncertaine euerie hower.

5 But



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5 But for the holie ghost, and for his gifts of grace,  
The death of Christ, thy mercie great, man were in wofull case:  
O grant vs therefore Lord to amend that is amisse,  
And when from hense we do depart, to rest with thee in blisse.

*Eleemosyna prodest homini in vita, in  
morte, & post mortem.*

*Out of S. Augustine.*

Fo2 onelie loue of God, more christian like to liue,  
And for a zeale to helpe the poze, thine almes dailie giue:  
Let gift no glorie looke, no2 ill possesse thy mind,  
And for a truth these profits thre, through almes shalt thou find.

Of almes  
deeds.

1 First, here the holie Ghost, shall dailie through his grace,  
Prouoke thee to repentant life, Gods mercie to embrace.

2 Of goods and friends (by death) when thou thy leaue must take,  
Thine almes deeds shall claspe thy soule, and neuer it forsake.

3 When God shall after death, call sone for thine account,  
Thine almes then through thy faith in Christ, shall all things else

But yet for any deed, put thou no trust therein, (surmount.  
But put thy trust in God (through Christ) to pardon thee thy sin.  
For else as cackling hen, with noise bewrates hir nest,  
Euen so go thou and blase thy deeds, and lose thou all the rest.

*Malus homo. Out of S. Augustine.*

O f naughtie man I read, two sundrie things are ment,  
The one is man, the other naught which ought him to repent  
The man we ought to loue, bicause of much therein,  
The ill in him we ought to hate, euen as a filthie sin.  
So dooth thy dailie sins, the heauenlie Lord offend,  
But when thou doost repent the same, his wrath is at an end.

¶ Of two sorts of men, the one good and the  
other bad. Out of S. Augustine.

S Ince first the world began, there was and shall be still,  
Of humane kind two sundrie sorts, the one good, the other ill:  
Which till the iudgement daie, shall here together dwell  
But then the good shall by to heauen, the bad shall downe to hell.

B. liij.

Diabolo



## Saint Barnards verses.

*Diabolo cum resistitur, est ut formica: cum verò eius suggestio recipitur, fortis est ut leo.*

Out of S. Augustine.

When Satan we resist, a pismire shall he be,  
But when we seeme to giue him place, a Lion then is he.

¶ Eight of S. Barnards verses, both in Latine  
and English, with one note to  
them both.

**C**Vr mundus militat, sub vana gloria,  
Cuius prosperitas, est transitoria,  
Tam citò labitur, eius potentia,  
Quàm vasi figuli, quæ sunt fragilia.

1 Why so triumphs the world, in pompe and glorie vaine,  
Whose state so happie thought, so fickle doth remaine?  
Whose brauerie slipperie stands, and doth so soone decaye,  
As doth the potters pan, compact of brittle clate.

2 Plus crede literis, scriptis in glaciæ,  
Quàm mundi fragilis, vane fallaciæ,  
Fallax in præmiis, virtutis speciæ,  
Quæ nunquam habuit, tempus fiduciæ.

2 More credit see thou giue, to letters wrote in Ice,  
Than vnto vaine deceits, of brittle worlds deuiſe,  
In gifts to vertue due, beguiling manie one,  
Yet those same neuer haue, long time to hope vpon.

3 Magis credendum est, viris fallacibus,  
Quam mundi miseris prosperitatibus,  
Falsis insaniis & voluptatibus,  
Falsis quoque studiis & vanitatibus.

3 To false dissembling men, more trust is to be had,  
Than to the prosperous state, of wretched world so bad:  
What with voluptuousnes, and other maddish toies,  
False studies won with paine, false vanities and loyes.

4 Dic vbi Salomon, olim tam nobilis?  
Vel vbi Samson est, dux innincibilis?  
Vel dulcis Ionathas, multum amabilis?  
Vel pulcher Absolon, vultu mirabilis?

4 tell where is Salomon, that once so noble was?  
 O where now Samson is, in strength whom none could pas?  
 O worthie Jonathas, that prince so louelie bold?  
 O faire Absolon, so goodlie to behold?

Quo Cæsar abiit, celsus imperio?  
 Vel Diues splendidus, totus in prandio?  
 Dicvbi Tullius, clarus eloquio?  
 Vel Aristoteles, summus ingenio?

5 Shew whither is Cæsar gone, which conquerd farre and néere,  
 O that rich famous carle, so giuen to bellie chére:  
 Shew where is Tullie now, for eloquence so fit?  
 O Aristoteles, of such a pregnant wit?

6 O esca vermium! O massa pulueris!  
 O ros! O vanitas! cur sic extolleris?  
 Ignoras penitus, vtrum cras vixeris.  
 Fac bonum omnibus, quàm diu poteris.

6 O thou fit bait for worms! O thou great heape of dust!  
 O dew! O vanitie! why so extolst thou lust?  
 Thou therefore ignorant, what time thou hast to liue,  
 Doe good to erie man, while here thou hast to giue.

Quàm breue festum est, hæc mundi gloria?  
 Vt vmbra hominis, sic eius gaudia,  
 Quæ sæper subtrahit, æterna pramia,  
 Et ducunt hominem, ad dura deuia.

7 How short a feast to count, is this same worlds renowne?  
 Such as mens shadowes be, such ioyes they bring to towne:  
 Which alwaie plucketh vp, from Gods eternall blis,  
 And leadeth man to hell, a iust reward of his.

8 Hæc mundi gloria, quæ magni penditur,  
 Sacris in literis, flos scæni dicitur,  
 Vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur  
 Sic vita hominum, hac vita tollitur

8 The brauerie of this worlde, esteemed here so much,  
 In scripture likened is, to flowers of grasse and such:  
 Like as the leafe so light, through wind abroad is blowne,  
 So life in this our life, full soone is ouerthrowne.



¶ Of the Authors linked verses  
departing from the court to  
the Countrey.

**M** Use not my friend to find me heere,  
Contented with this meane estate :  
And seeme to doe with willing cheere,  
That courtier doth so deadlie hate.

And yet of force to learne ane we  
Would much abash the dulle bzaime :  
I craue to iudge and this be true,  
The troant childe that feels the paine.

No, no, God wot, to disagree,  
Is ventring all to make or mar:  
If fortune frowne we dailie see,  
It is not best to strue too far.

From daintie court to countrey fare  
Too daintie fed is diet strange :  
From cities loy to counrey care,  
To skillesse folke is homelie change.

If courtlie change so breaketh will,  
That countrey life must serue the turne :  
What profit then in striving still,  
Against the pricke to seeme to spurne ?

What gaine I though I doo repent,  
My crutches all are broke and gone:  
My wonted friends are carelesse bent,  
They feare no chance I chance vpon.

Now if I take in worth my lot,  
That satall chance dooth force me to,  
If ye be friends vpbraid me not,  
But vse a friend as friends should doe.

The Authors life.

Epodium. **N**ow gentle frind, if thou be kind,  
Disdaine thou not although the lot,  
Will not with me, no better be,  
than doth appeere :



For let it grieue, that thus I liue,  
But rather gesse, for quietnesse,  
As other doe, so doe I to,  
content me heere.

2 By leaue and loue, of God aboue,  
I mind to shew, in verses few,  
How through the byers, my youthfull yeers,  
haue run their race:

And further say, why so I stay,  
And mind to liue, as Bee in hieue,  
I will bent to spend, my life to an end,  
in this same place.

3 It came to pas, that bozne I was,  
Of linage good, of gentle bloud,  
In Essex later, in village later,  
that Riuenhall hight:

Borne at  
Riuenhall  
in Essex.

Which village lide, by Bankesree side,  
There spend did I, mine infancie,  
There then my name, in honest fame,  
remaind in sight.

4 I yet but yong, no spech of toong,  
For teares withall, that often fall,  
From mothers eies, when child out cries  
to part hir fro:

Could pittie make, good father take,  
But out I must, to long be thrust,  
Say what I would, doe what I could,  
his mind was so.

Set to  
Sog school.

5 O painefull time, for euery crime,  
What tosed eares? like baited beares?  
What bobbed lips, what yerks what rips?  
What hellish toyes?

What robes so bare? what colledge fare?  
What bread, how stale? what pennie ale?  
Then Wallingford, how wert thou abhord,  
of sillie boies?

Walling-  
ford col-  
ledge

6 Thence for my voice, I must (no choice)  
Away of force, like posting horse,

For



For sundry men, had placards then,  
such child to take:

The better brest, the lesser rest,  
To serue the quere, now there now heere  
For time so spent, I may re pent,  
and sorrow make.

7 But marke the chance, my selfe to vance,  
By friendships lot, to Paules I got,  
So found I grace, a certeine space,  
still to remaine:

John red  
ford an ex  
cellent  
musician.

With Redford there, the like no where,  
For cunning such, and vertue much,  
By whom some part, of musickes art,  
so did I gaine.

Nicholas  
bval school  
maister at  
Eaton.

8 From Paules I went, to Eaton sent,  
To learne straight waies, the Latin phraies,  
Where fifty thre, stripes giuen to me,  
at once I had:

For fault but small, or none at all,  
It came to passe, thus beat I was,  
See Udall see, the mercie of thee,  
to me poore lad.

Trinitie  
hal in Ca  
bridge.

9 From London hence, to Cambridge thence,  
With thanks to thee, O Trinitie,  
That to thy hall, so passing all,  
I got at last:

There ioy I felt, there trim I dwelt,  
There heauen from hell, I shifted well,  
With learned men, a number then,  
the time I pass.

10 Long sicknes had, then was I glad,  
To leaue my booke, to proue and looke,  
In court what gaine, by taking paine.  
mought well be found:

Quartan  
ague  
L. Paget

Lord Paget than, that noble man,  
Whose soule I trust, is with the iust,  
That same was he, inritched me,  
with many a pound.

11 When this betide, good parents dide,  
One after one, till both were gone,  
Whose petigree, who list may see,  
in Harolds booke.

Whose soules in blisse, be long yer this,  
For hope we must, as God is iust,  
So here that craue, shall mercie haue,  
that mercie looke.

12 By court I spide, and ten yeres tride  
That cardes and dice, with Venus vice,  
And pœuish pride, from vertue wide,  
with some so wraught:

That Tiburne play, made them alwaie,  
Or beggers state, as ill to hate,  
By such like euils, I saw such dœuels,  
to come to naught.

13 Yet is it not, to be forgot,  
In court that some, to worship come,  
And some in time, to honour clime,  
and speede full well:

Some haue such gift, that trim they shift  
Some profit make, by paines they take,  
In perill much, though oft are such,  
in Court that dwell.

14 When court gan frowne, and strife in towne,  
And lords and knights, saw heauie sights,  
Then tooke I wife, and led my life,  
in Suffolke soile.

There was I faine, my selfe to traine,  
To learne too long, the farmers song,  
For hope of pelfe, like worldly elfe,  
to moile and toile.

15 As in this booke, who list to looke,  
Of husbandry, and huswiferie,  
There may he find, more of my mind,  
concerning this.

To carke and care, and euer bare,  
With losse and paine, to little gaine,

The bices  
of the court

The nobills  
ty at vari-  
ance in Ed-  
ward the  
6. daies.

At Kat-  
wade in sus-  
folke this  
booke first  
devised

With



With shifts to saue, to cram sir knaue,  
what life it is.

16 When wife could not, through sickness got  
More toile abide, so weere sea side,

Ipswich  
commended

Then thought I best, from toile to rest,  
and Ipswich try :

A towne of price, like paradise,  
For quiet then, and honest men,  
There was I glad, much friendship had,  
a time to lie.

17 There left good wife, this present life,  
And there left I, house charges lie,  
For glad was he, might lend for me,  
good luck so stood :

In Suffolke there, were euery where,  
Euen of the best besides the rest,  
That neuer did their friendship hid,  
to doe me good.

New ma-  
ried in suf-  
folke.

18 O Suffolke thou, content thee now,  
That hadst the praise, in those same daies,  
For squires and knights, that well delights,  
good house to keepe.

For Norfolke wiles, so full of guiles,  
Haue caught my toe, by wiuing so,  
That out to thee, I see for me,  
no way to creepe.

Mistres  
Amy Houn

19 For lo, through gile, what haps the while,  
Through Venus toies, in hope of ioyes,  
I chanced sone, to find a moone,  
of chearefull hew :

Which well and fine, me thought did shine,  
And neuer change, a thing most strange,  
Yet kept in sight, hir course aright,  
and compasse trew.

20 Behold of truth, with wife in youth,  
For ioy at large, what dayly charge,  
Through childrens hap, what opened gap,  
to more begun :

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The child at nurse, to rob the purse,  
The same to wed, to trouble hed,  
For pleasure rare, such onely care.  
hath hus band won.

21 Then did I dwell in Diram cell,  
A place for wood, that trimlie stood,  
With flesh and fish, as hart would wish,  
but when I spide :

That lord with lord, could not accord,  
But now pound he, and now pound we,  
Then left I all, because such bzall,  
I list not bide.

22 O Southwell what, meanst thou by that,  
Thou wor thy wight, thou famous knight,  
Some to craue, and to thy graue,  
go by and by?

O death thou so, why didst thou so,  
Ungentlie treat, that ie well great,  
Which opt his dooze, to rich and poore,  
so bounteously?

23 There thus bestad, when leaue I had,  
By death of him, to sinke or swim,  
And rauens I saw, together draw,  
in such a sort :

Then waies I sought, by wis dome taught,  
To beare low saile, least flock should quaille  
Till ship might find, with prosperous wind,  
some safer port.

24 At length by view, to shore I drew,  
Discharging strait, both ship and freight,  
At Norwiche fine, for me and mine,  
a Cittle trim :

Where strangers well, may seeme to dwell,  
That pitch and pay, or keepe their day,  
But who that want, shall find it scant,  
so good for him.

25 But Salisburi how, were kept my vow,  
If praise from thee, were kept by mee,

Landlords  
at variance

Sir Ri:  
chard South-  
well.

His seuen  
executors.

Norwich  
qualities.

Maister  
salisbu-

Thou



rie deane of  
Norwich.

Thou gentle deane, mine onely meane,  
there then to liue:

Though churls such some, to craue can come,  
And pray once got, regard thee not,  
Yet liue or die, so will not I,  
example giue.

In 138  
houres I  
neuer made  
drop of wa-  
ter.

26 When learned men, could there nor then,  
Deuise to swage, the stormie rage,  
Nor yet the furie of my dissurie,  
that long I had:

From Norwich aire, in great despaire,  
Awaie to fly, or else to die,  
To seeke more health, to seeke more wealth,  
then was I glad.

Faiersted  
in Essex.

27 From thence so sent, away I went,  
With sicknes worne, as one forlorne,  
To house my hed, at Faiersted,  
where whiles I dwelt:

The tithing life, the tithing strife,  
Through tithing ill, of Iacke and Gill,  
The daily paises, the miery waies,  
too long I felt.

28 When charges grew, stil new and new,  
And that I spide, if parson dide,  
All hope in vaine, to hope for gaine,  
I might go dance:

Lease for  
parsons life

Once rid my hand, of parsonage land,  
Thence by and by, awaie went I,  
To London straight, to hope and wait,  
for better chance.

London  
comended.

29 Well London well, that bearest the bel,  
Of praise about, England throughout,  
And doost indeed, to such as need,  
much kindnes shew:

Who that with thee, can hardlie agree,  
Nor can well praise, thy friendlie waies,  
Shall friendship find, to please his mind,  
in places few,



30 As for such mates, as vertue hates,  
Or he or thay, that go so gay,  
That needs he must, take all of trust,  
for him or his:

Unthrifts  
order.

Though such for wo, by Northbury goe,  
For being spide, about Cheapside,  
Least Mercers beaks, for money looks,  
small matter it is.

31 When games was gon, & yeres grew on,  
And death did crie, from London flie,  
In Cambridge then, I found agen,  
a resting plot:

The plague  
at London.

In Colledge best, of all the rest,  
With thanks to thee, O Trinitie,  
Through thee and thine, for me and mine  
some stay I got.

32 Since hap haps so, let tossing go,  
Let seruing pains, yield forth hir gains,  
Let courtly gifts, with wedding shifts,  
helpe now to liue:

Youth ill  
spent makes  
age repent.

Let musicke win, let stocke come in,  
Let wisdom carue, let reason serue,  
For heere I craue, such end to haue,  
as God shall giue.

33 Friends thus by me, perceiue may ye,  
That gentrie stands, not all by lands,  
Nor all so fast, or plentie left,  
by parents gift:

A lesson for  
yonger bre-  
thers.

But now and then, of gentlemen,  
The yongest sonne, is dyuen to runne,  
And glad to seeke, from creeke to craeke,  
to come by thift.

34 And more by this, to conser is,  
In world is set, enough to get,  
But where or whan, that scarselie can,  
the wisest tell:

A true les-  
son

By learning some, to riches come,  
By ship and plough, some get inough,



And some so wiue, that trim they thriue,  
and speed full well.

35 To this before, adde one thing more,  
Youth hardnes taught, with knowledge wrought,  
Most apt doo proue, to shift and shoue,  
among the best:

Hardnes in  
youth not  
the worst

Where cocking dadd, make sawcie lads,  
In youth so rage, to beg in age,  
Or else to fetch, a Tiburne stretch,  
among the rest.

36 Not rampish toy, of gile and boy,  
Nor garment trim, of hir or him,  
In childhood spent, to fond intent,  
good end dooth frame:

If marke we shall, the some of all,  
The end it is, that noted is,  
Which if it bide, with vertue tride,  
deserueth fame.

37 When all is don, learne this my son,  
Not friend nor skill, nor wit at will,  
Nor ship nor clod, but onely God,  
doth all in all:

Man dooth  
labour and  
God doth  
blesse.

Man taketh paine, God giueth gaine,  
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,  
Man well intends, God foizon sends,  
else want he shall.

A conten-  
ted mind  
worth all.

38 Some seeke for welth, I seeke my helth,  
Some seeke to please, I seeke mine ease,  
Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,  
to liue vp right:

More than to ride with pompe and pride,  
Or for to iet, in others det,  
Such is my skill, and shall be still,  
for any wight.

39 Too fond were I, here thus to lie,  
Unless that welth, might further health,  
And profit some, should thereby come,  
to helpe withall:

This



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This causeth me, well pleased to bee,  
Such drift to make, such life to take,  
Inforſing mind, remorſe to find,  
as need, need ſhall.

40 Friend all thing waied, that heer is ſaid  
And being got, that paires the ſhot,  
We thinke of right, haue leaue I might,  
(death drawing neere :)

To ſeeke ſome waies my God to praies,  
And mercy craue, in time to haue,  
And for the reſt, what he thinks beſt,  
to ſuffer heere.

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